

New stars at Canberra, Newcastle — inside



SOCCER ACTION

REGISTERED FOR POSTING AS A PUBLICATION — CATEGORY B

Vol. 5, No. 1 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1980

250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, ph. 60 0421

60 cents

We'll hit Czechs, says Rudi!

By KYLE PATTERSON

It's tough at the top



Puff, pant, wheeze ... we've made it!

Mark Jankevics (left), Eddie Krnecic, Peter Sherne and Greg Woodhouse (rear) at the top of one of the steepest sections of the Great Wall of China.

Will the Socceroos continue their climb against Czechoslovakia? Turn inside for our report on the China tour and our preview of the three-match series against the Czechs.

SUPPORT THE COMPANY THAT SUPPORTS SOCCER



SEE THE
AMPOL CUP

NIGHT & DAY SERIES
FRIDAY NIGHTS,
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
AFTERNOONS

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΝΕΑ
ΣΕΛΙΣ : 15

Jugoslovenska
scena st. 14.

Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf's commitment to attack will be put to the acid test when the Socceroos face the current European champion, Czechoslovakia in Canberra on Sunday in the first of three matches

Gutendorf and his players will need all the courage and conviction they can muster if the attacking policy is to be successful against them to conquer mighty West Germany in the European final in 1976.

The recent tour of China saw the emergence of the Australian team. Gutendorf has promised — an aggressive and attacking unit, so aggressive that often seven or eight players would push right up into attack, leaving the defence vulnerable.

But will the tactics that crushed Chinese provincial teams be equally successful against the European champions? Gutendorf may have his doubts, but no fears.

"I will attack as I did in China," he said this week. "If we lose we lose, but we must attack."

Czechoslovakia, which is coached by former Australian team boss Josef Venglos, is the first of many star-studded teams which visit Australia this year to mark 100 years of soccer in this country.

England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia will send national teams here this year. Leading club teams Real Madrid (Spain), Bayern Munich and Borussia Muenchengladbach (West Germany) are likely tourists.

Czechoslovakia recently thrashed Luxembourg 4-0 in Prague to ensure qualification for the 1980 European championships in

**Nally to
push
for TV**

By
Laurie Schwab

Patrick Nally, the dynamic young man behind the Australian Soccer Federation's \$1 million windfall, returns early next month to help put local soccer back on television.

The network or networks that accept Nally's proposal will get TV rights to Philips League soccer, the World Cup, the 1981 world youth championship, English soccer and European competitions.

The 0-10 network remains the most likely acceptor.

Television coverage is vital to the massive sponsorship programme negotiated by Nally.

Continued P. 16

Italy. Scorers are Marian Masny (2), Panenka and Vizek.

The victory was achieved without star striker Zdenek Nehoda, who is injured. Nehoda, Masny and defensive giant Anton Ondrus are the stars of the team.

Because Czech players are in peak fitness, compared with the Australians' summer lull, coach Gutendorf may base his selection around Marconi, which has been active recently with a tour of Indonesia.

Victorians Jimmy

Rooney and Tommy Cumming look definite starters and Greg Woodhouse probably will play in goals.

Turn to pages eight and nine for a special supplement on the Czechs' tour.

AUSTRALIA vs CZECHOSLOVAKIA



CANBERRA — Bruce Stadium — Sunday January 27
SYDNEY — Sports Ground — Sunday February 3
MELBOURNE — Olympic Park — Saturday February 9
NEWCASTLE — Czechoslovakia vs Northern NSW
International Sports Centre Wednesday January 30
ADELAIDE — Czechoslovakia vs South Australia
Hindmarsh Stadium — Wednesday February 6

An INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS Promotion

MARCONI UNBEATEN ON ASIAN TOUR



Bobby Charlton will play in Blacktown's opening league match against St. George at Gabbie Stadium. He guested with Newcastle KB United in 1978. Here he is having a drink with the then Newcastle chairman, Max Talbot, who is now chairman of the Philips League.

Peter Raskopoulos had a memorable introduction to his new club, Marconi, during its three-match tour of Indonesia.

Marconi returned home last week after winning the three matches with a goals tally of 11-0.

Raskopoulos, transferred from Sydney Olympic for \$15,000 just before the tour, fitted well into the team in the first match, a 4-0 victory over Djakarta.

With Ivo Prskalo still holding in Yugoslavia and John Russell unable to get time off work for the tour, Tony Henderson dropped back into defense, creating a midfield vacancy for Raskopoulos.

Gary Byrne and Roberto Vieri were the other two midfielders, while Peter Brogan took Russell's centre back position.

A former Rugby player, Raskopoulos was introduced to the Olympic first team at the age of 15 and went on to play

for the Australian youth team in New Zealand and Paraguay early last year.

The tour of Indonesia served as valuable pre-season preparation for Marconi.

Club secretary Michael Urkalo said he was confident Marconi would win the Philips League championship for the second year in a row.

He was also pleased with the form of Vieri, the veteran midfielder who was so brilliant in 1978 but hampered by injuries last year.

He's training like a young kid. I'm amazed at his enthusiasm," Urkalo said.

Marconi opened its 12-day tour by turning out to a fine soccer game in Djakarta in front of 40,000 people at the Indonesian National Stadium.

The goals, scored by Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovic, were all magnificent.

Best players were Henderson, Sharne, Vieri, and Allan Maher.

The next game, in Surabaya, was against NIAC Mitra, and Marconi won 2-0 with goals by Henderson and Jankovic.

However, Marconi was forced to withdraw when Krncevic and Byrne were sent off over arguing with the referee in the second half.

"The refereeing was atrocious but our players should not have carried on the way they did," Urkalo said.

"The most difficult thing about the trip was the heat," Urkalo said. "It was up around 29 degrees, and the humidity was very high.

"But the hospitality we were shown was fantastic. Dr



Roberto Vieri



Peter Raskopoulos

Frank Hutasoit, chairman of the Indonesian FA, looked after us exceptionally well. Travel, food and accommodation were all first class."

Marconi's tour was made possible by the sponsorship of Alitaco. Due to heavily reduced fare, and \$15,000 income from match fees, Marconi was able to finish financially in front.

Urkalo said Marconi hoped to tour again at the end of this year — to the Philippines or perhaps the U.S.

He said Marconi was considering signing forward Hrdic of Velez Mostar but had not made a move for Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia.



New coach Rocco Ille (centre) calls for a united effort to lift J.U.S.T. up the PSL ladder. Players Jim Kondaros (left), Jim O'Reilly, Peter Ollerton and Zdravko Lujic pledge their support.

Ille seeks new players to boost Footscray

Rocco Ille faces a tough assignment in his first coaching job with Footscray J.U.S.T.

The former Yugoslav and Pan Hellenic forward will try to transform J.U.S.T. from 1979 strugglers into 1980 winners.

To do so, he hopes to sign a

few good players — from Yugoslavia and Sydney.

Ille, 37, returned four months ago from Yugoslavia where he studied coaching full-time for two years.

After playing with Zadar in the Yugoslav Second Division, Ille helped LASK Linz win the Austrian championship two years running, and then returned to Yugoslavia to study coaching in 1976.

He joined Yugoslav in 1969, linking up with Ilija Takac and Josip Alacic to complete a talented attack.

After five seasons with Yugoslav, he spent two years with Pan Hellenic before going to Yugoslavia to study coaching in 1976.

SOCCER ACTION

SOCCER ACTION is published every Wednesday by Newspress, Pty Ltd, a Division of Age Publications, 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, P.O. Box 628E, Melbourne 3001. Distributed in Victoria and Broken Hill by Magdles Pty Ltd, 250 Spencer St., Melbourne 3000; in NSW by Allan Rodney Wright (Circulation) Pty Ltd, 36-40 Bourke St., Woolloomooloo 2001; in S.A. by B.G. & K.L. Fuller, 105 Main St., Beverley 5008; in Tasmania by The Mercury, 93 Macquarie St., Hobart 7000; and in Queensland by Mirror News papers Ltd, 387 Brunswick St., Brisbane 4006.

EDITOR: Laurie Schwab.
MANAGING EDITOR: Leonard J. Shaw.
ADVERTISING MANAGER: Bill Vojtek.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Sam Belfonte.
SYNDICATION MANAGER: Con Shanahan, David Syme & Co. Ltd., FCA House, 50 Margaret St., Sydney. Phone 29 3788.

PRODUCTION MANAGER: Andrew Berry.
Address all correspondence to Soccer Action, 250 Spencer St., Melbourne, 3000.

Printed by Waverley Offset Publishing Group, 560 5111.



Johan Verweij (on ground) of New Zealand slides in to thwart Australia's Agenor Muniz.

VERWEIJ TO LIONS?

Brisbane Lions hope to sign New Zealand international striker Johan Verweij.

Verweij was one of the best players in New Zealand's 1-0 victory over Australia in Auckland last year.

Alan Niven is back after a lay-off due to a broken ankle, and Lions have acquired utility player Steve Hogg from Canberra City.

However, Soccerroo defender Col Bennett had still not re-signed late last week.

Lions will play at its own ground at Richlands instead of Perry Park this year. The ground is a 40-minute drive from the airport, so it may affect flight arrangements of visiting teams.

Adelaide City is interested in Lions striker Tony Brennan, so

NOW AVAILABLE ADMIRAL RANGE.

Prices	S. Boys	Boys	Youths	S. Mens	Mens	O.S.
Jerseys	16.99	17.99	18.99	19.99	20.50	21.50
Shorts	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.99	10.99	10.99

★ Also good training balls for \$9.99 (tan 18 panels)

ANY ENQUIRIES
ASK FOR KEVIN ROCK
288 8916

OPEN UNTIL 9.00 PM FRIDAY NIGHT

'WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO FUTURE'

RICHARDS HITS OUT ITALY TOUR AFTER



FRANK BURIN TONY LABBOZZETTA

'Soccer Action'
New Year Honors

Labbozzetta, Burin are top club men

In recognition of valuable contributions and outstanding personal achievements in soccer — in the international and local scenes — 'Soccer Action' presents its second New Year's Honors list.

This year 26 players, coaches and administrators have been bestowed with our 'soccer knighthood'.

WORLD LIST

RON GREENWOOD — (England team manager) — Has brought about a revival in English soccer with a refreshing attacking outlook. The English national team is a world force again and is setting a fine example for English clubs to follow.

KEVIN KEEGAN — (England international) — Was named European player of the year for the second time after a sensational season with Hammarby in West Germany. He is an exciting player, and a key figure in Greenwood's English team.

DIEGO MARADONA — (Argentinian international) — Made an explosive arrival in world soccer and was quickly hailed as the new Pele, when still only a teenager. Maradona helped Argentina win the World Cup, and is sure to be the leading player when his country defends the FIFA World Cup in Spain 1982.

CESAR MENOTTI — (Argentina, team manager) — Has two World Cup victories under his belt, and is hailed as perhaps the best coach in the world. Menotti is a firm believer in attacking soccer and Argentina won both its world titles in fine style.

JUPP DERWALL — (West Germany, team manager) — Took over the reigns from Helmut Schoen after the 1978 World Cup, and has progressively rebuilt West Germany into a powerful combination.

AUSTRALIAN LIST

TONY BOSKOVIC — (Referee) — Was named Referee of the year by the Australian Soccer Press Association, and has given many years of fine service to soccer in this country.

WALTER LERI — (NSW) — May soon join Canberra City and is his promising prospect in the PSL.

SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLI — (Inter Monaro) — Also likely to join Canberra City and parade his skills in the PSL. Has represented both NSW and Australia, and is a player of the future.

GERRY CHALDI — (West Adelaide coach) — Former Sydney City coach who is highly regarded in his field. Chaldi was Coach of the year in 1978, and now hopes to achieve success with West Adelaide. He is the only coach to win a trophy in each season of the PSL.

LEN MCKENDRICK — (Victoria, team manager) — Has achieved remarkable success, leading Victoria to wins over AEK Athens, Partizan Belgrade and Red Star Belgrade. His intelligent coaching has improved many players, as well as making Victoria a powerful combination.

RAY COCK — (Victorian coach) — Guided Western Suburbs into Victorian State League in his first season as a coach. The former Australian and Victorian representative is without a club at present, but has a big future in coaching.

TONY LABBOZZETTA — (Marconi president) — Is the chief of perhaps the best organised and professional club in Australia. His years of hard work were rewarded when Marconi won the 1979 PSL championship.

JOHNNY AND BUGSY NYKOHUS — (Adelaide City) — Adelaide's footballing brothers were the stars in the 1979 Philips Cup final, which saw Adelaide City win its first national honor with a victory over St George.

RUDI GUTENDORF — (Australia, team manager) — The colorful and controversial West German took the national team on a successful tour of China and has a victory over the New York Cosmos under his belt. His dynamic style has attracted national media coverage for soccer as the game enters a new era.

JIM TANSEY — (Australian international) — Was the best player on the Socceroos' tour of China and is an exciting and attacking full back with Heidelberg Utd and Victoria.

JIM RODNEY — (Australian international captain) — Was overlooked as a national team player by Gutendorf for a time, but made a triumphant return as captain. Is playing better than ever.

ATTILA ABONYI — (Sydney Croatia) — Took his club to its second successive NSW State League title, and had another great season as a player and coach.

JOHN LEE — (Bankstown) — Caused an upset when he won the 1979 NSW Rothmans Medal, but deserved his honor after a consistent season with Bankstown.

TOMMY CUMMING — (Australian international) — The brilliant forward scored the goal again winning both the Bill Fleming and Rothmans Medals. He helped Essendon Croatia to its second successive league championship and was the star of the Victorian and Australian teams.

NERO SAFTICH — (Brisbane City coach) — Proved the sceptic wrong by taking the supposedly weak Brisbane City to the PSL Grand Final after a consistent season.

LES SCHEINFELD — (Marconi coach) — The frustrations of Scheinfeld and Marconi ended when the Italian-sponsored club romped home to win the championship, playing some electrifying soccer on the way. He was named Coach of the Year for 1979.

IVO PRSKALO — (Australian international) — Despite being the wrong side of 30, Prskalo made his Australian debut and went on to become a key figure in the team. Helped Marconi to the PSL title, and was named Soccer Year's and ASFA player of the year.

EDDIE KRNICEK — (Australian international) — Many thought the young striker was shooting too high by transferring to Marconi after only one full season in the Victorian State League. But Krnicek was a sensation with Marconi and a star with the Australian youth and full international teams.

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN — (Leading administrator) — Was the man responsible for getting the Cosmos to Australia for the New York team's highly-successful tour. Is acknowledged as the 'Tours Chief' of Australian soccer.

FRANK BURIN — (Essendon Croatia general manager) — Responsible for building undoubtedly the strongest team outside the PSL. In the past two years, Crotia has won six trophies in the Victorian State League under Burin's guidance.

RALPH LYNCH — (Promoter) — Showed Australian soccer what could be done with the correct promotion. He took control of the Cosmos tour, and his promoting attracted a 50,000 plus crowd at the final.

RALE RASIC — (Adelaide City Coach) — Former national coach ended his first season with Adelaide City triumphantly by winning the Phillips Cup.

Ray Richards is a disillusioned man after having taken an all-star team on a tour of Italy.

"We are so far behind the standards set in Europe that it makes you wonder whether Australian soccer is going anywhere," Richards said this week.

"Even the smallest clubs in Italy are far ahead of ours."

"We have absolutely no future under our present set-up. I'm afraid soccer will never be more than a hobby here."

"Our overall outlook, approach and organisation cannot be compared with that in Europe."

"Richards also hit out at the Australian Soccer Federation over its decision not to send a representative team to Italy to compete in the Viareggio 21 tournament in February."

"The organisers removed China from the tournament to accommodate Australia, but the ASF withdrew because it says it cannot afford the air fares."

"Yet they spent \$50,000 on sending the Socceroos to China, which was a waste of time because there's nothing we can learn from China."

"The Viareggio tournament, contested by 16 teams from all over the world, presented us with a beautiful opportunity to help prepare our young players for the world youth championship in 1981."

"It astounds me that the ASF can be so negative in its outlook. We will never again be invited back, of course, so we have thrown away a great chance to compete against the world's best in this age group."

"Richards, former star Soccerco and ex-coach of Marconi and APIA, took 15 players through Italy, playing against Bologna, Pisa, Brindisi and Catanzaro."

The tour was organised by Mr. Romolo Croce, a prominent figure in Italian soccer, and financed from gate receipts.

APIA organised it at first, but decided not to go ahead, so Richards put together a collection of star players and fielded them under the name Sydney.

Match details:

CATANZARO 2-4. Sydney scorers: Marzio, Brennan, Sydney team: Tony Pezzano (Syd), O. Boyle, Russell (Adel. C), Jim Mullen (Adel. C), John Besir (Adel. C), Peter Mullen (Syd. Croatia) — John Perin (Adel. C), Joe Picioane (Footscray JUST), Peter Boyle (W. Adel.) — Marzio, Picioane.

BOLLOGNA 1-2. Goal Boyle.

Sydney: Gary Meier (SYD. Olympic), Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Rod Skellern (APIA) — Boyle, Picioane, Marzio (Brennan sub.), Kosmina, Hilton Silva (Syd. C).

This was the tourists' finest match. The midfield of Picioane, Perin and Boyle was in extraordinary form.

Bologna played its full team for a scoreless first half and then made seven or eight changes.

Sydney went two goals down by trying to play the ball out of defence instead of being safe.

Both goals were scored by Peter Boyle.

The papers were to say afterwards that the Australian team had helped establish Petrelli as a rival to the great Sivoldi.

Peter Boyle scored Australia's only goal with a 30 metre shot but the tourists made five other excellent openings from which they should have scored.

PISA 1-2. Goal: Mullen.

Sydney: Meier — Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Boyle, Perin, Picioane (Mullen sub.) — Brennan, Kosmina, Silva.

The heavy ground suited only the physically strong players, like Bobby Russell. Ball players like Picioane who had to be replaced eventually were left floundering.

Sydney was two goals down and well beaten before Peter Mullen scored with a 20-metre shot.

Brennan copped a stud to his

foot.

Richards is a disillusioned man after having taken an all-star team on a tour of Italy.

"We are so far behind the standards set in Europe that it makes you wonder whether Australian soccer is going anywhere," Richards said this week.

"Even the smallest clubs in Italy are far ahead of ours."

"We have absolutely no future under our present set-up. I'm afraid soccer will never be more than a hobby here."

"Our overall outlook, approach and organisation cannot be compared with that in Europe."

"Richards also hit out at the Australian Soccer Federation over its decision not to send a representative team to Italy to compete in the Viareggio 21 tournament in February."

"The organisers removed China from the tournament to accommodate Australia, but the ASF withdrew because it says it cannot afford the air fares."

"Yet they spent \$50,000 on sending the Socceroos to China, which was a waste of time because there's nothing we can learn from China."

"The Viareggio tournament, contested by 16 teams from all over the world, presented us with a beautiful opportunity to help prepare our young players for the world youth championship in 1981."

"It astounds me that the ASF can be so negative in its outlook. We will never again be invited back, of course, so we have thrown away a great chance to compete against the world's best in this age group."

"Richards, former star Soccerco and ex-coach of Marconi and APIA, took 15 players through Italy, playing against Bologna, Pisa, Brindisi and Catanzaro."

The tour was organised by Mr. Romolo Croce, a prominent figure in Italian soccer, and financed from gate receipts.

APIA organised it at first, but decided not to go ahead, so Richards put together a collection of star players and fielded them under the name Sydney.

Match details:

CATANZARO 2-4. Sydney scorers: Marzio, Brennan, Sydney team: Tony Pezzano (Syd), O. Boyle, Russell (Adel. C), Jim Mullen (Adel. C), John Besir (Adel. C), Peter Mullen (Syd. Croatia) — John Perin (Adel. C), Joe Picioane (Footscray JUST), Peter Boyle (W. Adel.) — Marzio, Picioane.

BOLLOGNA 1-2. Goal Boyle.

Sydney: Gary Meier (SYD. Olympic), Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Rod Skellern (APIA) — Boyle, Picioane, Marzio (Brennan sub.), Kosmina, Hilton Silva (Syd. C).

This was the tourists' finest match. The midfield of Picioane, Perin and Boyle was in extraordinary form.

Bologna played its full team for a scoreless first half and then made seven or eight changes.

Sydney went two goals down by trying to play the ball out of defence instead of being safe.

Both goals were scored by Peter Boyle.

The papers were to say afterwards that the Australian team had helped establish Petrelli as a rival to the great Sivoldi.

Peter Boyle scored Australia's only goal with a 30 metre shot but the tourists made five other excellent openings from which they should have scored.

PISA 1-2. Goal: Mullen.

Sydney: Meier — Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Boyle, Perin, Picioane (Mullen sub.) — Brennan, Kosmina, Silva.

The heavy ground suited only the physically strong players, like Bobby Russell. Ball players like Picioane who had to be replaced eventually were left floundering.

Sydney was two goals down and well beaten before Peter Mullen scored with a 20-metre shot.

Brennan copped a stud to his

foot.

Richards is a disillusioned man after having taken an all-star team on a tour of Italy.

"We are so far behind the standards set in Europe that it makes you wonder whether Australian soccer is going anywhere," Richards said this week.

"Even the smallest clubs in Italy are far ahead of ours."

"We have absolutely no future under our present set-up. I'm afraid soccer will never be more than a hobby here."

"Our overall outlook, approach and organisation cannot be compared with that in Europe."

"Richards also hit out at the Australian Soccer Federation over its decision not to send a representative team to Italy to compete in the Viareggio 21 tournament in February."

"The organisers removed China from the tournament to accommodate Australia, but the ASF withdrew because it says it cannot afford the air fares."

"Yet they spent \$50,000 on sending the Socceroos to China, which was a waste of time because there's nothing we can learn from China."

"The Viareggio tournament, contested by 16 teams from all over the world, presented us with a beautiful opportunity to help prepare our young players for the world youth championship in 1981."

"It astounds me that the ASF can be so negative in its outlook. We will never again be invited back, of course, so we have thrown away a great chance to compete against the world's best in this age group."

"Richards, former star Soccerco and ex-coach of Marconi and APIA, took 15 players through Italy, playing against Bologna, Pisa, Brindisi and Catanzaro."

The tour was organised by Mr. Romolo Croce, a prominent figure in Italian soccer, and financed from gate receipts.

APIA organised it at first, but decided not to go ahead, so Richards put together a collection of star players and fielded them under the name Sydney.

Match details:

CATANZARO 2-4. Sydney scorers: Marzio, Brennan, Sydney team: Tony Pezzano (Syd), O. Boyle, Russell (Adel. C), Jim Mullen (Adel. C), John Besir (Adel. C), Peter Mullen (Syd. Croatia) — John Perin (Adel. C), Joe Picioane (Footscray JUST), Peter Boyle (W. Adel.) — Marzio, Picioane.

BOLLOGNA 1-2. Goal Boyle.

Sydney: Gary Meier (SYD. Olympic), Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Rod Skellern (APIA) — Boyle, Picioane, Marzio (Brennan sub.), Kosmina, Hilton Silva (Syd. C).

This was the tourists' finest match. The midfield of Picioane, Perin and Boyle was in extraordinary form.

Bologna played its full team for a scoreless first half and then made seven or eight changes.

Sydney went two goals down by trying to play the ball out of defence instead of being safe.

Both goals were scored by Peter Boyle.

The papers were to say afterwards that the Australian team had helped establish Petrelli as a rival to the great Sivoldi.

Peter Boyle scored Australia's only goal with a 30 metre shot but the tourists made five other excellent openings from which they should have scored.

PISA 1-2. Goal: Mullen.

Sydney: Meier — Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Boyle, Perin, Picioane (Mullen sub.) — Brennan, Kosmina, Silva.

The heavy ground suited only the physically strong players, like Bobby Russell. Ball players like Picioane who had to be replaced eventually were left floundering.

Sydney was two goals down and well beaten before Peter Mullen scored with a 20-metre shot.

Brennan copped a stud to his

foot.

Richards is a disillusioned man after having taken an all-star team on a tour of Italy.

"We are so far behind the standards set in Europe that it makes you wonder whether Australian soccer is going anywhere," Richards said this week.

"Even the smallest clubs in Italy are far ahead of ours."

"We have absolutely no future under our present set-up. I'm afraid soccer will never be more than a hobby here."

"Our overall outlook, approach and organisation cannot be compared with that in Europe."

"Richards also hit out at the Australian Soccer Federation over its decision not to send a representative team to Italy to compete in the Viareggio 21 tournament in February."

"The organisers removed China from the tournament to accommodate Australia, but the ASF withdrew because it says it cannot afford the air fares."

"Yet they spent \$50,000 on sending the Socceroos to China, which was a waste of time because there's nothing we can learn from China."

"The Viareggio tournament, contested by 16 teams from all over the world, presented us with a beautiful opportunity to help prepare our young players for the world youth championship in 1981."

"It astounds me that the ASF can be so negative in its outlook. We will never again be invited back, of course, so we have thrown away a great chance to compete against the world's best in this age group."

"Richards, former star Soccerco and ex-coach of Marconi and APIA, took 15 players through Italy, playing against Bologna, Pisa, Brindisi and Catanzaro."

The tour was organised by Mr. Romolo Croce, a prominent figure in Italian soccer, and financed from gate receipts.

APIA organised it at first, but decided not to go ahead, so Richards put together a collection of star players and fielded them under the name Sydney.

Match details:

CATANZARO 2-4. Sydney scorers: Marzio, Brennan, Sydney team: Tony Pezzano (Syd), O. Boyle, Russell (Adel. C), Jim Mullen (Adel. C), John Besir (Adel. C), Peter Mullen (Syd. Croatia) — John Perin (Adel. C), Joe Picioane (Footscray JUST), Peter Boyle (W. Adel.) — Marzio, Picioane.

BOLLOGNA 1-2. Goal Boyle.

Sydney: Gary Meier (SYD. Olympic), Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Rod Skellern (APIA) — Boyle, Picioane, Marzio (Brennan sub.), Kosmina, Hilton Silva (Syd. C).

This was the tourists' finest match. The midfield of Picioane, Perin and Boyle was in extraordinary form.

Bologna played its full team for a scoreless first half and then made seven or eight changes.

Sydney went two goals down by trying to play the ball out of defence instead of being safe.

Both goals were scored by Peter Boyle.

The papers were to say afterwards that the Australian team had helped establish Petrelli as a rival to the great Sivoldi.

Peter Boyle scored Australia's only goal with a 30 metre shot but the tourists made five other excellent openings from which they should have scored.

PISA 1-2. Goal: Mullen.

Sydney: Meier — Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Boyle, Perin, Picioane (Mullen sub.) — Brennan, Kosmina, Silva.

The heavy ground suited only the physically strong players, like Bobby Russell. Ball players like Picioane who had to be replaced eventually were left floundering.

Sydney was two goals down and well beaten before Peter Mullen scored with a 20-metre shot.

Brennan copped a stud to his

foot.

Richards is a disillusioned man after having taken an all-star team on a tour of Italy.

"We are so far behind the standards set in Europe that it makes you wonder whether Australian soccer is going anywhere," Richards said this week.

"Even the smallest clubs in Italy are far ahead of ours."

"We have absolutely no future under our present set-up. I'm afraid soccer will never be more than a hobby here."

"Our overall outlook, approach and organisation cannot be compared with that in Europe."

"Richards also hit out at the Australian Soccer Federation over its decision not to send a representative team to Italy to compete in the Viareggio 21 tournament in February."

"The organisers removed China from the tournament to accommodate Australia, but the ASF withdrew because it says it cannot afford the air fares."

"Yet they spent \$50,000 on sending the Socceroos to China, which was a waste of time because there's nothing we can learn from China."

"The Viareggio tournament, contested by 16 teams from all over the world, presented us with a beautiful opportunity to help prepare our young players for the world youth championship in 1981."

"It astounds me that the ASF can be so negative in its outlook. We will never again be invited back, of course, so we have thrown away a great chance to compete against the world's best in this age group."

"Richards, former star Soccerco and ex-coach of Marconi and APIA, took 15 players through Italy, playing against Bologna, Pisa, Brindisi and Catanzaro."

The tour was organised by Mr. Romolo Croce, a prominent figure in Italian soccer, and financed from gate receipts.

APIA organised it at first, but decided not to go ahead, so Richards put together a collection of star players and fielded them under the name Sydney.

Match details:

CATANZARO 2-4. Sydney scorers: Marzio, Brennan, Sydney team: Tony Pezzano (Syd), O. Boyle, Russell (Adel. C), Jim Mullen (Adel. C), John Besir (Adel. C), Peter Mullen (Syd. Croatia) — John Perin (Adel. C), Joe Picioane (Footscray JUST), Peter Boyle (W. Adel.) — Marzio, Picioane.

BOLLOGNA 1-2. Goal Boyle.

Sydney: Gary Meier (SYD. Olympic), Russell, Muir, Marian, Skellern, Rod Skellern (APIA) — Boyle, Picioane, Marzio (Brennan sub.), Kosmina, Hilton Silva (Syd. C).

This was the tourists' finest match. The midfield of Picioane, Perin and Boyle was in extraordinary form.

Bologna played its full team for a scoreless first half and then made seven or eight changes.

Sydney went two goals down by trying to play the

The man who tamed George Best

Newcastle KB United's acquisition of Paul Reaney has ensured that one of England's top defenders over the past decade will grace the PSL in 1980.

The records show that Reaney was born in London but in fact he was only two weeks old when his parents moved to Leeds and it was in this grey, industrial Yorkshire city that he was raised.

Reaney joined Leeds United straight from school. United was then a struggling team in the lower regions of the English Second division, but the inspired management of Don Revie lifted it into the elite of British soccer in the mid sixties.

Quickly emerging as one of Europe's top right backs, Reaney played an integral part in Leeds' success, a fact reflected in his selection for England's under-23 team against France in 1964.

Four more under-23 "caps" followed and a call-up to the full international side was inevitable and duly came when he appeared as substitute against Bulgaria in December 1966.

Almost a year passed before Reaney gained the privilege of wearing an England shirt for a full 90 minutes.

A fine performance against Portugal seemed to have guaranteed him a niche in the English squad for the World Cup in Mexico but it was not to be.

A broken leg at West Ham not only ruined all hopes of a trip to Mexico but also pre-

vented Reaney from appearing in the 1968 F.A. Cup final.

Reaney was out of action for six months before returning to the First Division.

After less than a dozen games with Leeds he was recalled to the England ranks for a European Championship fixture with Malta.

The hard, bumpy Valetta pitch proved a great burden to the entire English team as it tolled for a 1-0 win.

This undistinguished performance, plus England manager Alf Ramsey's preference for more attacking full backs ended the Leeds player's international career.

Despite the lack of opportunity to display his skills at the highest level, Reaney earned the tag of "Mr Consistency" among his fellow professionals because he never had a bad game, maintaining a high standard of efficiency throughout a 70-odd game season.

George Best unhesitatingly named Reaney as the best full back he had ever faced, a remarkable compliment from the genial Irishman who opposed the best defenders in the World during the course of 37 internationals and more than a dozen European Cup games.

When Don Revie left Leeds in 1974 its fortunes plummeted. Lack of success on the

field led to managerial uncertainty, unrest among supporters and disruption within the team.

Throughout it all Reaney remained the constant factor, producing superb performance after superb performance, enabling the team to keep its head above the relegation zone.

It wasn't until the 1977-78 campaign that he began to lose his permanency in the first team.

Manager Jimmy Adamson, the third since the departure of Revie, embarked on a youth policy and thus severely restricted Reaney's First Division appearances.

A transfer to Third Division Bradford City followed. While with Leeds Reaney had claimed winners' medals for two League Championships,

one League Cup, two European Fairs Cups, one F.A. Cup and one Second Division Championship.

He also suffered the disappointments of finishing as a league championship runner-up on five occasions — twice as a beaten finalist in the F.A. Cup and once in the Fairs Cup.

More bitter however were the losses Leeds suffered in the 1971-1972 European Cup Winners' Cup and 1974-75 European Cup, both games being marred by controversial refereeing decisions that ruined Leeds' aspirations of capturing the two major European club competitions.

These defeats and the failure to play in the World Cup were the only ambitions Reaney did not achieve during

his stay at Elland Road.

Reaney's short stay with Bradford City was an unhappy one. The club — badly supported, in perpetual financial difficulty and with a weak playing staff — found mere survival to be a difficult task and could not afford to provide Reaney with an appropriate end to his career.

Shortly after City had been relegated to the Fourth Division Reaney applied for a transfer. A lucrative move to North America looked likely, but it was Newcastle that stepped in to snap up the former Leeds star.

KB coach Alan Vest will look to Reaney's class, composure and experience to shore up a defence which has its fair share of problems this term.

Whatever niche Vest envisages for Reaney, he will prove invaluable in Newcastle's quest to consolidate the remarkable progress of 1979.



Paul Reaney — former England International

Top talent at Canberra

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Canberra City has recruited heavily in a determined bid to finish among the Philips League leaders this year.

The most important recruits are likely to be Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo, the star strikers of Inter Monaco.

The result of the players' appeal to the NSW Federation against their total \$52,000 transfer fee was expected to be announced last night (Tuesday).

Canberra is willing to pay a fair price — but not \$52,000.

The club already has forked out \$28,000 for John, Rob and Mike O'Shea of St. George.

Goalkeeper Ray Williams and midfielders Duncan Cole, both members of the New Zealand national team, also have joined Canberra.

There was some concern last week that Canberra may have to post a bond with the NZ Federation to ensure that Wilson and Cole will be released for World Cup duty next year.

Cole is from North Shore United and Wilson from Nelson United. Both played in New Zealand's 1-0 victory over Australia in Auckland last year.

Coach Vic Fernandez said he expected former Socceros full back Harry Williams to have an outstanding season.

Williams, who was out of



John O'Shea

soccer due to a knee injury, is training strongly and looks sharp.

Midfielder John Davies, leased to Canberra last year by Geoff Warren, brother of Johnny Warren, has been sold by Geoff Warren to St. George for \$2,500.

Ivan Grujicic has switched to Croatian Deakin for \$3000. Jim Cant is no longer with Canberra and reserve goalkeeper David Lindenmeyer, who is studying in Queensland, has joined Townsville.

Williams, who was out of

soccer due to a knee injury, is

training strongly and looks

sharp.

He rejected chances to play in Canada because he considered the standard to be almost minimal so he accepted an offer to join Sydney City midway through 1978.

He said that he had "quite a few" offers before Newcastle KB United stepped in during the negotiations for the transfer of Boden.

"KB United seems to be the club for the future and with a big future, it has a strong sense of professionalism and its supporters have the outlook of the top English First Division clubs," he said. "I made up my mind that it was the club I wanted to join, so here I am."

It was a somewhat remarkable coincidence and perhaps a happy augury, that on the day his transfer to KB United was signed and sealed, Kenny Boden scored three goals for KB United in a Prime Minister's Cup match against Canberra City while Treanter scored three for Sydney City.

Treanter had applied for citizenship. He has, he says, a liking for a high ball since he is a tall header, a phase of the game on which he has spent long hours in practice.

He considers that since the Newcastle KB United players have had two seasons in the Philips League with most of them on the retained list, the team should have settled down into a solid combination, well able to read each other's play.

"Add to that the great experience of Paul Reaney, the former English international and Leeds United star, and I'm confident 1980 will be a big season for KB United. I want to be part of it," said Treanter who is already popular with club supporters.

The match will provide both teams with



Canberra recruit Duncan Cole (right) in action for New Zealand against Peter Sharne in last year's match against Australia

Muir, Kent available

Centre back Jim Muir is available for transfer after Adelaide City's acquisition of David Jones from West Adelaide.

Adelaide City paid Scottish club Dumbarton \$7500 for Muir two years ago. It paid West Adelaide \$5000 — the amount stipulated in the contract — for Jones.

Utility player Robert Marwe and winger Chris Kent are also on Adelaide City's transfer list, and sweeper John Besir is expected to leave as well.

Marwe, who plays striker, centre back, full back or midfield, joined Adelaide City from Croatia (SA).

Kent played for Ringwood City and South Melbourne Hellas before shifting to Adelaide.

Jones, an Australian international, will link up with Socceros Bobby Russell in the middle of Adelaide City's defence.

Bugsy Nyskohus and Glenn Dadds retain the full back positions and Peter Marshall remains the goalkeeper.

Midfielders are Gary Marocchi who hit top from late last year, Brian Northcote, Charlie Villani, Sergio Melita, Agenor Muniz, John Perin who also plays sweeper, and youngster Romeo Rossi.

Northcote and Villani can also play up front. The other forwards are John Nyskohus and Dixie Deans.

Adelaide City hopes to strengthen its attack by signing Tony Brennan from Brisbane Lions. There is a wrangle over his transfer fee.



Cole for U.S.?

Pictures of Gary Cole, Pat Bannon, Jim O'Reilly and Peter Tymszcyn appear in the latest edition of the American magazine "Soccer Corner".

The pictures are used to illustrate a story about the formation of a soccer club in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and they are not captioned.

Editor Lou Gautier obviously wanted to fill space with general action photos, and, being the former editor of "Sydney paper" "Soccer World", nostalgia got the better of him

PALINKAS: \$17,500

Footscray J.U.S.T. has sold Joe Palinkas (pictured) to Brisbane City for \$17,500.

Palinkas moved to Brisbane before Christmas and it has taken until now for the clubs to agree on a price.

Palinkas previously played for St George and Melbourne.

Newcastle v Marconi

A special soccer challenge between Newcastle KB United and 1979 Philips League champion Marconi will be held at this year's Newcastle Show.

Norman Ross Discounts will sponsor the twilight match on the opening day of the Show, Wednesday, February 20.

Newcastle Agricultural Horticultural and Industrial Association Secretary, Mr. Fred Bennett, said the match could attract a crowd up to 10,000.

Admission prices to the Showground will be \$2.50 for adults and 80 cents for pensioners and children.

The manager of Norman Ross Discounts' Garden City complex, Mr. Jim McBride, said the face that the challenge match would be played on the eve of the 1980 Philips League season, which commences on March 9, should attract enormous spectator interest.

The match will provide both teams with

excellent pre-season preparation and competition", said Mr. McBride.

KB United secretary Paul Trisley said his club's promotions committee was devising plans to ensure that the first Show night was a "colourful, spectacular and well-attended event".

KB United and Marconi will compete for the Norman Ross Challenge Cup.

Mr. Trisley said a total of seven Australian internationals who recently toured Asia and China would play in the match.

They are Marconi players Eddie Kruevic, Mark Jankovic, Tony Henderson, Ivo Prskalo and Peter Sharne and KB United's Arno Bergogno and Joe Senkalski.

KB United will field new signings Paul

Reaney and striker Mark Treanter.



Mark Treanter: Confident of a big season

REGIS IN, TRENTER OUT

By JACK MATHEWS

Had West Bromwich Albion not decided a few years ago to pay what is almost an astronomical transfer fee for Cyril Regis, who was given superstar rating, it is almost certain that former Welsh youth international, Mark Treanter, would not be wearing Newcastle KB United colours today.

Treanter is the player who came to KB United as part of the switch by Socceros, Kenny Boden, to Sydney City for \$20,000.

It is a quirk of fate that Treanter is a Soccer player. The round ball code was outlawed in his hometown, Cwmbran in Wales, and while he played rugby at school level he always had his eye and mind set on becoming a professional soccer player.

He persevered and developed so rapidly that he caught the attention of a West Bromwich Albion scout, was given a series of trials and signed as an apprentice.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the club predicting a big future for him. But then came Cyril Regis and Treanter's stocks dropped.

He decided his future lay

in the Welsh team to play in the youth international series in Hungary. He worked his way through the West Bromwich Albion minor teams and was ready for inclusion in the First Division team with the

CHALDI: WHY I SWITCHED

By PETER SCOTT

Hopes, plans, new challenges and, yes, even some regrets characterise Australia's 1978 soccer coach of the year, Gerry Chaldi, as he strikes out on a new career with West Adelaide.

The man whose name has been synonymous with Hakko soccer in Sydney and Melbourne since 1961 has not only changed clubs but uprooted his family and moved house to South Australia.

"The main motivation behind my decision to accept West's was that they offered me vastly improved financial conditions," he admitted frankly. "And, perhaps, I also have spent too long with the one club."

"My greatest disappointment is the realisation that Sydney City was not willing to offer me terms commensurate with my achievements," Chaldi said.

"But it wasn't only money that made me leave the club."

"Most of all I want to be able to test my skills in a new environment, where I will have full managerial responsibility."

Chaldi claims he felt deprived by not having similar authority with Sydney City.

"I am disappointed but not surprised, at not having been able to come to terms with City this year; there was interference in my work, in the running of the team, and when I

voiced my opinion on these matters opposition to me developed from top management within the club."

"Knowing what other coaches in the PSL were earning, I also realised that financially I wasn't being rewarded sufficiently for my efforts; in fact I was underpaid."

Chaldi, in spite of his differences with some sections of the Sydney City management, went out of his way to pay tribute to team director Andrew Lederer.

"We had some early differences when I took over the team, but in the end I learned a lot from him and hope that one day we can work together again."

Gerry Chaldi leaves Hakko/Sydney City with "a clear conscience", having left the foundations of a good team to replace coach Eddie Thomson, who was his captain last year.

"There is an abundance of promising youngsters there. All they need is patience and a bit of pushing to make sure Sydney City remains a power into the eighties."

"Eddie has all the attributes of a first class coach, I only



Con Kambas — rejected West's terms

hope he can reconcile his new role with that of continuing his playing career."

Now term with a club can be complete without recalling the biggest trials and greatest disappointments, and Chaldi is no exception.

"My greatest satisfaction came from being the coach of the team which won the inaugural PSL competition in 1977, and also to realise that my players understood what style of football I wanted them to play."

"Because of this, skilful, attacking, open football became our trademark over the years and proved to me that I have the ability to communicate with footballers under my guidance."

"This, of course, is the most important attribute of any coach who fancies himself as a good one," he said.

Chaldi was also touched by the good wishes which poured in from the Jewish community when his appointment in Adelaide became public knowledge.

"I hope to be back some day," he said.

Keen anticipation, expectation and enthusiasm are just some of Chaldi's sentiments as he prepares for the 1980 campaign with West Adelaide.

A new job, new committee to work with, new crowd and, yes, even some new players.

Two of his signings should give the Greek-based club a highly cosmopolitan flavor during the coming months.

Chaldi hopes one of the new players will be sweeper Shraga Topolanski the former Israeli international, who had a short guest spell with Hakko St Kilda last year.

A top striker is needed to replace veteran Con Kambas, who failed to accept the terms he was offered for 1980.

He will be complemented by another defender, this one from Chile, 21-year-old Carlos Villazon, who in spite of his tender age in professional soccer terms, was a regular fixture in the line-up of the First Division Rangers Santiago club.

There are other "goodies" in the pipeline for West Adelaide's enthusiastic fans, but for the moment they are strictly hush-hush.

However, the news isn't all good. The club has lost Soceroo defender David Jones to Adelaide city.

West Adelaide is disappointed and Chaldi is seeing over Adelaide City's decision to offer Jones terms.

"I feel disappointed over the fact that City broke a gentleman's agreement between the two Adelaide clubs not to poach each other's players," he said.

"We are very upset over Rale Radic's action, but have learnt a lesson — in fact, two can play this game," he said.

In spite of the loss of Jones, Chaldi considers he has good material at his disposal, a young and capable squad.

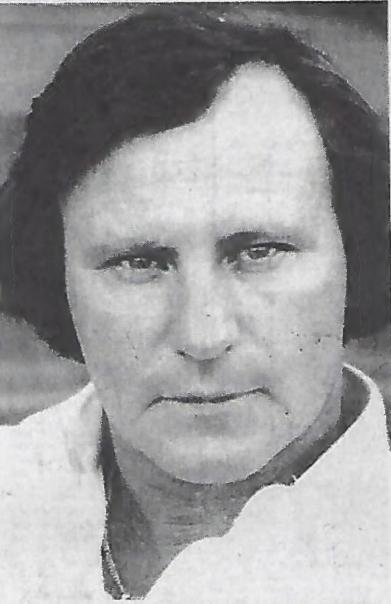
"We have the staff, now my first priority is to improve the players' conditions — both

human and material.

The club is full of enthusiasm in a new era, emulating the championship season of 1978, although the setup is not nearly as professional as it was with Sydney City.

"But, we have a new committee, people who are willing to devote their time and money to building a consistently successful soccer team."

Chaldi is happy with what he described as an excellent junior backup — "the top in South Australia" — and intends to continue his pre-



Gerry Chaldi — from Sydney City to West Adelaide

vious policy with Sydney City, gradually introducing the most talented youngsters to PSL action.

"There will be opportunity, and plenty of it, for them to show their wares," he said.

The new coach has no illusions about his position and task. The record of each club's relations with their coaches in Australia is chequered, to say the least.

Survival with a Greek-sponsored club has much to do with the coaches' personality and Chaldi believes his mentality will suit the atmosphere.

He is supremely confident of serving out his two year contract.

"I feel that under its terms I finally have reached a stage

where I am properly rewarded for my previous achievements as a coach," he said.

"I'm having my honeymoon with the club right now, but

the pressure will be on once the championship kicks off.

"It doesn't worry me particularly, after all that's what I get paid for, and look forward to the challenge."

Looking briefly at the overall PSL scene, Chaldi perceives improvement since the start of the new league, but feels it imperative that some "big names" be imported from abroad.

"The means must be found to bring personalities into the game, players and names who will attract new fans."

"As for Sydney City, sadly I see no solution to their greatest problem, that of bringing back the crowds which have deserted them."

"The empty terraces at their home games are that club's biggest handicap, and having a good crowd cheering you on is half the battle for a coach and his players."

'79 gate taking:

\$637

The income of the Victorian club Juventus from gate receipts in 1979 was a mere \$637, but despite this, the club's total income exceeded \$100,000, secretary Rocco Di Zio announced this week.

This proved Juventus was far from a spent force, Di Zio said.

"The fact we are able to generate income without the aid of considerable gate receipts, proves Juventus is still very much alive," Di Zio said.

The figures were announced to club members at Juve's annual general meeting at the Casa D'Adruze Club in North Fitzroy last Thursday night.

A report to members showed Juventus' income for 1979 was \$165,000. This was a massive increase on 1978, when the income was \$46,500.

Expenditure in 1979 was \$141,500. Di Zio explained that expenditure was high because of the costs involved in establishing a team.

Signing-on fees, transfer fees and wages accounted for \$64,500. Juventus bought Jack Reilly, Terry Hawke, Peter Vaughan, Bobby McGuinness, Tony Heery and George Gillan in 1979.

Juventus spent only \$35,000 on its team in 1978.

At the meeting, George Penzo was re-elected president, with Greg Incantalo vice-president.

Adrian Mazzara, Joe Mirella, Di Zio and Casteill were elected to the committee. The members voted to allow the president to select five other people to serve on the committee.

This was to allow closer co-operation within the administration, Di Zio said.

Di Zio was angry with a report in a Sunday paper that Juventus was unable to raise a quorum at the meeting.

"The AGM was originally scheduled for the Club Cavalier in South Melbourne," said Di Zio, "but the club was booked for another function."

"The Italian Cup had concluded on the same day, and many of our members were unable to attend. Other members were unaware of the change of venue."

Di Zio said 100 people attended the second scheduled meeting.



RANGERS, en punto de visita en San Eugenio.

Australian Soccer Federation and Affiliated Clubs

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE SCHEME

EXAMINE THESE ADVANTAGES

- It's Comprehensive • It's Flexible • It's Simple!!!
- Officials and Players Covered
- Premiums payable by Installment!!!
- Recommended by the Australian Soccer Federation

By Arrangement Through
R. E. BOTT INSURANCE BROKERS PTY. LTD.
 (Incorporated Insurance Brokers)
 Insurance Broker to the Australian Soccer Federation
 61-65 Stead Street, South Melbourne, Vic. 3205
 Telephone (03) 699 6799 • Telex AA36320

UNDERWRITTEN BY

Allianz 

Allianz Insurance Company Limited

EUROPE'S LARGEST INSURER

The Greek Press has been playing up reports that Greek First Division clubs AEK and PAOK Salonika are interested in signing Gary Cole of Heidelberg United.

Apparently PAOK is willing to pay up to \$100,000 for him.

This follows reports that Derby County offered \$50,000 for goalkeeper Yakkha Banovic, only to have the deal fall through when Banovic was unable to get an English work permit.

Heidelberg pocketed \$20,000 for Branko Bujicic who switched to South Melbourne Hellas during the off season.

Ken Taylor also has left Heidelberg. He has returned to England.

Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos has denied that Jim Campbell may join Bujicic at Hellas, and says that captain Pat Bannon is training hard for another successful year, after contemplating a switch last season.

Mangopoulos said that coach Manny Poulakakis had been retained by the club, contrary to some reports.

The club was to have moved to its new ground in Heidelberg this year, but it is still not ready.

AROUND THE WORLD

"Is Gary Cole going to Athens?"

This is the question that bothers thousands of Heidelberg Alexander supporters.

At this stage the answer to the above question can only be regarded as a vague one, although it is well known in the soccer world that the management of Heidelberg United is having discussions at this moment with representatives from AEK Athens.

Therefore, it should not come as a surprise if next July we see the blonde star and member of our national team, packing up and travelling to Greece.

If finally, this scenario becomes a reality, the fact that the Greek team will pay to Alexander will be an astronomical one by Australian standards.

Speaking after the game against Victoria, the coach of Red Star, Branko Stankovic said:

"Of our opponents, I liked No. 15 (Cole), No. 14 (Paton) and No. 8 (Rooney)."

About Gary Cole, the Yugoslav coach said emphatically that he is a good, strong and fast player, who can play in any team in Yugoslavia.

Since I have mentioned Branko Stankovic, the Red Star coach is one of the best known personalities in soccer.

He started his playing career as a full-back with Red Star in 1947 and ended it in 1956.

He wore the national shirt of his country 61 times, and at this stage he is also an adviser of the national team, the same team that was placed first in the European list last year.

Bayer Munich which will visit Australia later this year for a series of friendly games has bought a Norwegian player.

He is Ainer Yan Aass, and he has signed a two-year contract.

Argentina mourns one of soccer's favorite sons, 37-year-old Onega, who was killed in a car accident.

Onega was in the Argentinian national team in the 1966 World Cup. He played against England at Wembley when the present World Cup holders lost 1-0.

The goal that made all the difference was scored by Hurst.

France's former international star, Just Fontaine said that King Houssein had asked him to take over the national team of Morocco.

Fountain will coach his players for the coming African Nations' Cup.

The former star, with a goal



With ELIAS DONOUDIS

tally of 13 at the 1968 World Cup, has lately been on the outer but his World Cup record has not been broken.

He was seen recently in a match between the European and Argentinian veterans. In that match, another French international star played: Raymond Copo.

British commentators called the transfer of Nikola Jovanovic to Manchester United as "a victory for English football."

Bayer Munich also was interested in the transfer of the Yugoslav star, but finally David Sexton — manager of United — won.

Andras Torocsik the centre half of the Hungarian national team in 1978, has had a streak of bad luck lately.

When he was sent off the field in the World Cup in Argentina, he was ordered not to play in international matches for a year.

Then he was involved in a car accident, which nearly cost him his life. He already has two operations, but he is still unable to walk. So much so, that he is going to London soon to be operated on for the third time.

South Melbourne Hellas is looking for a goalkeeper. From what I hear, they are interested in Sydney Olympic's Gary Meier.

The referees of the amateur league in South America have cut loose, engineering two goals by Alan Evans before scoring one himself on a pass from Branko Bujicic.

Then little George Campbell cut loose, engineering two goals by Alan Evans before scoring one himself on a pass from Branko Bujicic.

Mr Kosnar said he hoped for a successful season to mark the club's 30th anniversary.

Hakoah started 1980 with a meritorious 1-0 victory over Essendon Croatia. Sean Rooney scored the winning goal.

Bill Jordanou was excellent, Ian McNeil never has been better, Gerry Edmundson has recovered from his cartilage injury, Shraga Topolanski was excellent. Stewart Blair is fit, even the young goalkeeper Mike Fryszek showed promise when he came on as replacement for Mike O'Hara who made some spectacular saves.

Striker Michael Loh, who has had a cartilage operation, resumes training this week. Graham French is shaping up well after injury, and Les

Young goalkeeper David Gilbert is on a two-month trial with Norwich as part of his Ian Grey Memorial Scholarship, won at Frankston.

And now the rebuilding starts.

Club spokesman Les Smith said Frankston wins full back Chris Vulli from Hakoah, striker Kevin Wall from Frankston Pines, midfielder Billy Buchanan from Dandenong and forwards Steve Irvine and Peter Thurlow from Dandenong.

Frankston already has signed striker Nell Collier from Croatia Whally and is talking to the three players overseas — one forward and two midfielders.

The club has only one player — Bruce Young on a temporary visa.

New coach Nigel Bevis, a former Frankston captain, expects young utility players Goran Runje and Peter Martinovic to establish themselves as first-team regulars this season.

Centre back Danny McCluskey is still holding

Sure to satisfy — First class quality Specialists in all sports

Victorian State League round-up with LAURIE SCHWAB

MITTEN, TRONT JOIN: CROATIA UNBEATABLE?

Reinforced by Noel Mitten from Frankston City and Joe Tront from Croydon, Essendon Croatia starts 1980 as favorite to retain the State League championship it won in 1978 and 1979.

Tront, the attacking midfielder who played for Moorabbin and Heidelberg United before joining Croydon, has switched to Croatia for a \$5000 transfer fee.

The details of Mitten's transfer are not clear. Mitten came from Ireland to join South Melbourne Hellas from where he went via Albion Rovers to Frankston. He and Tront are both in the Victorian State squad.

Croatia also was in the process of signing defender Mick Klarin from Ajax as we went to Press.

Club spokesman Frank Burin said he was confident that Soccerco Tommy Cumming would stay with Croatia.

"I believe he has had various offers but he wants to get himself a house and we can help him in that regard."

John Gardiner, star of Victoria's 2-1 victory over Red Star Belgrade, will be player-coach of Croatia this year.

Boria Paleki has returned to Croatia Whally and Keith Adams, Carl Gilder, Howard Andrews and Alan Kerr were still holidaying overseas last week.

One of Croatia's most exciting young players, striker Steve Gojevic, 14, has been training with the senior squad. Gojevic has scored 215 goals in two seasons.

Preston seeks two players

Preston Makedonia, which lost 1-0 to Hellas last week, will meet the State under 18 team at Connor Reserve, REN-sday, at 6 pm today (Wednesday).

Makedonia, which signed midfielder Claude Lucchesi from Juventus for \$3500 is looking for a good sweeper and midfield general.

Brian Edgley (ex-Croatia, Hellas, Moorabbin, Ringwood City) has replaced Tony Vrzina as coach and former player-coach Eric Breibar, who is overseas at the moment, is on the transfer list.

Hellas won its first competitive match against Makedonia in the last 15 minutes after the score had been level at 1-1.

George Christopoulos had scored for Hellas and George McMillan for Makedonia.

Then little George Campbell cut loose, engineering two goals by Alan Evans before scoring one himself on a pass from Branko Bujicic.

Mr Kosnar said he hoped for a successful season to mark the club's 30th anniversary.

Pyrgolios to coach Wests

Newly-promoted Western Suburbs has shifted from its Ralph Street ground to Schinertown, Footscray, where it will play its home matches.

Wests have signed talented midfielder Kit Greechan from



Kit Greechan — Albion to Western Suburbs.

Owen and Dave Rigby are on their way back from overseas.

Devonport striker Steve Irvine played against Croatia and Hakoah is negotiating to buy him, along with perhaps one or two others.

One of the highlights of Hakoah's year was the arrival of new manager for defender David Baker, against Croatia at Middle Park on March 16.

Baker has won two Victorian Rothmans Medals during his 12 years with Hakoah.

10 year service Train leaves

Jim Train, who served Slavia faithfully for 10 years, has now become player-coach of Warrandyte City in the Metropolitan League.

But Slavia has a promising young recruit in goalkeeper Elvio Pugliese, 20, from Fourth Division club Sandringham.

Pugliese played very well in recent practice matches.

Slavia has drawn 2-2 with Albion Rovers and Croydon and beaten Altona 2-0.

Star of these matches has been forward Mickey McGorrian who scored two against Croydon, and one each against Altona and Albion.

Goalkeeper Mitchell McLean, from Scottish junior club Lark Hall is another new man at Slavia, but the club does not yet have a clearance for him.

Jim Williams, Steve Aldrich and Bill Brindley are still holding overage overseas.

John Tsalabidis is the new president of Slavia and Harry Chalkitis has been re-appointed coach. Vince Frys is the vice-president, Vip Balkis the chairman and Vince French the secretary/treasurer.

Mr Kosnar said he hoped for a successful season to mark the club's 30th anniversary.

Massive exodus at Frankston

Frankston City has been drained by a massive exodus of players.

Noel Mitten has joined Croatia, Vince Bannon has gone to Hellas and Keith Webster and Alan Parrott have retired.

Tony Young, Frankston's best player last year, has returned to England where he's bought a fish and chip and is expected to sign for Rochdale.

Striker Kevin Swinscoe is on trial with Watford in England and Willie Coulson is playing in Hong Kong.

Young goalkeeper David Gilbert is on a two-month trial with Norwich as part of his Ian Grey Memorial Scholarship, won at Frankston.

And now the rebuilding starts.

Club spokesman Les Smith said Frankston wins full back Chris Vulli from Hakoah, striker Kevin Wall from Frankston Pines, midfielder Billy Buchanan from Dandenong and forwards Steve Irvine and Peter Thurlow from Dandenong.

Frankston already has signed striker Nell Collier from Croatia Whally and is talking to the three players overseas — one forward and two midfielders.

The club has only one player — Bruce Young on a temporary visa.

New coach Nigel Bevis, a former Frankston captain, expects young utility players Goran Runje and Peter Martinovic to establish themselves as first-team regulars this season.

Centre back Danny McCluskey is still holding

negotiations with him when he returns.

Retained players include: Frank Petersen, Bobby Adams (his 11th season), Ged Bannon, Bruce Young, Sean Parton, John Taylor and David Cooper.

Name change for Sunshine

Sunshine City is likely to change its name.

The committee was given this power by Sunshine's annual general meeting. It is not yet known what new name is being considered.

Sunshine, which will become incorporated soon, is opposed to George Cross becoming established in Sunshine, and has made its views known to the city administration.

Ian Petterick is back as coach after a few season's absence, and Wally Melik remains director of junior coaching.

President Tommy Reid says the club is concerned mainly with developing young players from its own ranks. "Our aim is to attract Australian people with Australian soccer," he says.

Meanwhile, full back Hugh Howe is seeking a transfer and goalkeeper Peter Clarke is rumored also to be unsettled.

Forsyth to Croydon

Croydon City has signed 19-year-old striker Robbie Forsyth, who scored about 30 goals with Doncaster Rovers last season.

And the club hopes to sign a few more players to replace Duncan Smith who has returned to Scotland and Joe Tront who has joined Croatia.

Mark Brown, 18, who was introduced to the defence late last year, will be a regular this season, along with teenage full back Gary Hobson, son of coach Norm Hobson.

Reverse coach is Trevor Owen, former boss of Ringwood City, and director of junior coaching is former State coach Ken Kontra.

Pyrgolios to coach Wests

Newly-promoted Western Suburbs has shifted from its Ralph Street ground to Schinertown, Footscray, where it will play its home matches.

Wests have signed talented midfielder Kit Greechan from



The Train brothers have switched clubs. George (above left, with George Gillan of Juventus), leaves Altona for Sunbury. (below) leaves Slavia for Waverley.

John Croatia, but Ajax has signed Bill Vojtek, who was player-coach last year.

The only new player at Ajax so far is midfielder Steve Carpenter, who was brought to Australia by Footscray F.U.S.T. and played for Hakoah last season.

New ground for Cross

George Cross, formed into a company this month, is in the final stages of finalising a lease on land in Duke Street, Sunshine for a new ground.

Billy Wilkinson is back after six months in England and he again will play for coach Frank Mifsud and Ian Runcie (ex-Slavia) are on the transfer list and Marty Graham, who arrived near the end of last season, has returned to Ireland because he was homesick.

In a recent friendly match, Green Gully Ajax won 2-3 to Albion Rovers.

The club will run a gala fun fair at Braybrook high school on the corner of Duke Street and Ballarat Road on Friday 23rd.

The top four groups will play on the Saturday from 5 to 8 pm and there will be competitions, raffles, and a sale of everything from bros to couches on the Sunday.

The first quarterly meeting is at the clubrooms in Albion Street, Brunswick, at 10 am on February 10.

Alf Zahra is the new president, replacing John Borg. Other officials are Joe Borg-Guzman (vice-president), Albert Frendo (secretary), Alf Farrugia (assistant-secretary), Lorraine Cutajar (treasurer), Charles Cutajar (junior chairman), Charlie Casser (social chairman) and John Borg (F.U.S.T. delegate).

Wilson fights for lewis

Altona City has lost veteran utility player Kevin Kelly and left back George Train.

Kelly, who joined Altona from George Cross, wants to play in a lower league because of work commitments.

Train is the new player-coach of Sunbury United.

With Harry Hird, Bob Taylor, Stewart Cannell and Rob Craw holidaying in England, Altona is short-staffed for the Ampol Cup.

Coach Joe Wilson will therefore use some of the younger players, including forward Lars Murphy, midfielder or full back Billy Hammill, Kevin Wilson and Samm DeLuca.

Wilson is resisting attempts by Croatia to buy full back Peter Lewis.

"However, if Peter is determined to go, I hope that we can at least get a replacement player from Croatia," Wilson said.

• CONT. ON PAGE 7



David Baker (left) tackles Ken Reed, then with George Cross. Hakoah will organise a testimonial match for Baker in March.



Frankston's Bobby Adams — starting his 11th season. Vince Bannon (left) has moved to Hellas. On the ground is Croatia's Carl Gilder and (right) Howard Andrews.

Rovers' catch

Jimmy Mackay (pictured) has joined Albion Rovers, who have been relegated from the Victorian State League.

Mackay played for Shepparton last year.

The former Croatia and Hellas star completed a midfield of Jimmy Rooney, Ray Richards and Johnny Warren in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.



Campbell, Cole, Rooney to miss Altona

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg United may have to play without Gary Cole, Jim Campbell and Jimmy Rooney against Altona City in the second round of the Ampol Cup at Olympic Park on Friday night

The three stars are unlikely to be released by coach Rudi Gutendorf from the national teams training camp in Sydney, where the Socceroos are preparing to meet Czechoslovakia.

"I'll be making telephone calls this week to try to change Gutendorf's mind but indications are there's nothing much we can do," Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos said.

"Also, I don't want to push too hard, because any postponement of our fixtures would upset the whole competition."

Andy Bozikan may be back from holidays this week and

Mike Micevski is yet to come into the team.

John Kyriakidis, George Pavlidis and Con Moulis will be used to replace the missing Socceroos.

Altona is also unmattered, but of the replacement players used against Ajax last Sunday, John McMillan was excellent.

Alex is negotiating with Maltese club Floriana which wants more money finally to release Wille Vassallo, who has been playing for Ajax on what apparently was a temporary arrangement.

Ajax may have striker Steve Carr back from Hellas in time for its second-round match against Frankston at Connor Park.

Heidelberg coach John Margaritis, searching for his best combination, will use Alan Davidson who was suspended last week, George Christopoulos and perhaps Mendo Ristovski.

Altona Rovers, which looked impressive last week, has a good chance of beating Juventus, which loses Bobby McGuinness for six weeks. McGuinness is returning to Scotland on holidays.

Footscray J.U.S.T. cannot play again this weekend as it did in beating Makedonia on penalties last Friday, and should find the going a little easier against George Cross at Olympic Park.

The penalties show down that decided the match against Makedonia was a joke! Of the 14 kicks taken, only seven were successful. Lou Kastner saved shots by Joe Piclione and Zdravko Lujic and shots by Zoran Iloski, Mike Rainey, David Garthwaite and Steve Beech went high or wide. Steve Potter saved John Higham's shot, leaving the penalty score 4-3 in J.U.S.T. favour.

Yet in general play Makedonia should have won by anything up to four goals. Strikers Rob Cullen and George McMillan played well and full backs Mike Rainey and Ljubo Petrovski (who was sent off in extra time) tore J.U.S.T. apart on the flanks.

On this form, Makedonia should have little trouble against Slavia on Saturday.

Croatia, which finished the round of 16 fixtures from Frankston, Joe Trout from Footscray and Mick Klarin from Ajax last Friday, should beat Sunshine City at Olympic Park No. 2 on Sunday.

Team of week

Victorian team of the week:

PETERSEN
(Frankston)

RAINEY
(Makedonia) ADAMS
(Frankston) OLLERTON
(J.U.S.T.) McMILLAN
(Heidelberg)

BLAIR
(Hakoah)

ROGERS
(Hellas) G. BANNON
(Frankston)

McMILLAN
(Makedonia)

EVANS
(Hellas) C. NISBET
(Altona R.)

First round details

HAKOAH 2 (Bris. 5th and 48th)
WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Bris. 5th and 48th) At Middle Park. Crowd about 300 (double header). Fat-dury Ratings by Peter Desira

HAKOAH — O'Hare 7 — Geddy 8, Baker 7, Dosen 8, Wilson 8 — Gibson 8, McNeill 8, Blair 8 — Jordan 7, Mc Cart 7 — John Doherty 6, Koromilas 6, Pasalos 6, Christopoulos 6 — Referee: Nick Karlich

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 (Mudmire 22nd) At Middle Park. Crowd about 300 (double header). Saturday night. Fat-dury Ratings by Peter Desira

WESTERN SUBS — Mitanidis 7 — Daskalos 6, Jaworski 6, Glykakos 6, Tsiros 7, Daskalos 6, Gribble 7, Mc Cart 7 — John Doherty 6, Koromilas 6, Pasalos 6, Christopoulos 6 — Referee: Nick Karlich

ALBION ROVERS 2 (C. Nisbet 13th and 37th)

HAKOAH 2 (Bris. 5th and 48th)

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Bris. 5th and 48th)

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan

FOOTSCRAY JUST (Bris. 5th and 48th)

ALBION ROVERS — Johnson 7, McNamee 8, Stevens 8, Blissett 8, Gatt 8 — Stewart 6 (Stokes 1st), Reilly 6, D'Sylva 7 — Spiteri 6, C. Nisbet 6, Saliba 6

SUNSHINE CITY 1 — Contini 6 — Dixey 6, R. Nelson 6, Ellis 6, B. Coyle 6 — McRobert 7, Laing 6, Singham 6 (Musell 39th), Mudmire 6 (Wood 59th), Gilmour 7, K. Coyle 6 — Referee: Jim Brennan



Slavia Soccer club of Melbourne is half of the club we wish the man a very successful and safe tour of

CZECHOSLOVAKIANS CAN MATCH THE BEST: VENGLOS

The popularity of ice hockey in Czechoslovakia is not helping the country's national soccer team, according to coach Dr Josef Venglos.

After a friendly international against England at Wembley Stadium early last year, Venglos spoke of the aggressive attitude of English players, and the content of physical contact in that country's domestic soccer.

"We cannot compete with England physically," said Venglos. "Of course, we have men in Czechoslovakia who have the same attitude as the English, but they take up ice hockey, while the more intelligent young men turn to football."

So while the majority of aggressive young Czechs prefer the harder (and often violent) sport of ice hockey, Venglos has the talented ball-players, but says stamina is a missing trait.

"We have shown that we can play an attacking football against top teams from around the world," he said. "But we must improve our physical condition so that it compares with our skill and knowledge of tactics."

"Czechoslovakia must still improve in the individual and collective sense, but most of all in stamina."

Stamina or not, Venglos has done a remarkable job since he became Czechoslovakia's national coach about 23 years ago.

Venglos had done an ap-

prenticeship with the under-23 team as coach, and was assistant to Václav Ježek for three years before taking over.

At the beginning of Venglos' reign, the Czechs were in the doldrums after missing out on a place in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

The Czechs then faced the daunting task of facing Sweden in Stockholm in the first European championship qualifying game.

The Czechs won 3-1, and Venglos' men haven't looked back with victories over France and Luxembourg to seal group victory in their group.

Venglos long term plans are obviously to retain the European crown, and then qualify for Spain in 1982 — thus erasing the bitter memories of the 1978 attempt when Scotland ousted the Czechs.

"The key to future success for Czechoslovakia lies with working very closely with the coaches of top club teams," said Venglos.

"The national team must co-operate with the clubs, but they must play fair with us. I know from experience that clubs are often reluctant to re-



Dr Josef Venglos

lease players for training camps and games."

Venglos will bring to Australia a team of experienced players. Zdenek Hruška is the goalkeeper, and he has played only eight internationals, but is a proven custodian.

Antonín Panenka is a midfielder who has scored 13 goals in his 35 international appearances. He is 31, but still has plenty of energy in his midfield role.

It was Panenka who clinched the European championship with a penalty kick in a showdown against West Germany.

Team captain is Anton Ondruš, who is a commanding sweeper. He is a vital link in the defense, and has played 48 internationals scoring 10 goals — a clear sign of his liking for adventuring upfield.

Ondruš along with great goalkeeper Ivo Viktor, were missing from the 1978 World Cup campaign, and their absences were blamed for the Czech failure.

Koloman Gogh is the left back, and played in the 1976 European final. He is a resolute defender with a liking for overlapping.

At present, the vital combination in the team is that formed between Marian Masny and Zdenek Nehoda in the forward line.

Masny is a tricky winger, who roams from flank to flank. He should be a sensation on the Australian tour.

Nehoda is wanted by top clubs all over Europe. He has been top scorer in Czech soccer with Dukla Prague for the past two seasons.

For the national team, he has knocked in 21 goals in 58 matches.

For Venglos the Australian tour offers the chance to visit his old 'home'. He lived in Australia for three years during the 1960s, and was national coach here. He also coached NSW club Prague.

One obstacle in Venglos' path to success is the old Czech FA ruling. The rule prevents players under the age of 18

playing senior soccer unless they have medical permission.

This rule is holding back Czech soccer, because promising youngsters aren't given the chance to develop at the highest level.

Venglos, who is a professor of physical education at the University of Bratislava, is a keen student of the game.

"Football has become a more difficult game to play," he said, "and this was demonstrated in Argentina in 1978. For example in the 1974 World Cup finals Cruyff was very good, but was only playing as a schemer."

"In Argentina clever midfield players, similar to Cruyff, had developed further. They created, but had wide-ranging defensive duties."

"They had to cover all the ground between one penalty area to the other. This makes big physical demands on the players, and requires them to have greater defensive skills."

Venglos paid tribute to the new-look England team, which recorded a streaky 1-0 victory over Czechoslovakia in that Wembley friendly last year.

"England now are more spectacular than they were two or three years ago, and that is obviously due to the influence of Mr. Greenwood," said Venglos.

"England is now playing a style of football that is a good mix between the best of English soccer, and the best of continental soccer."

"This Euro-English style produces a very different game than England played before, and I like it."

Hopefully, the tour of Venglos' team will show Australia the very best of the Czechs' style.



Ace Czech forward Zdenek Nehoda (left) is guarded by England's Viv Anderson

Socceroos face



The Czech team that beat West Germany 5-3 on penalties after the final of the 1976 European championship in Belgrade. From left: Dobias, Capkovic, Masny, Moder, Svehlik, Pivarnik, Panenka, Neto, Nehoda, Hruška, Ondruš, Gogh, and Masny.



Czechoslovakia at the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico, from left: Jurkán, Albrecht, Hagara, Hrdlicka, Dobias, Kuna, Verner, Nehoda, Masny, Hruška, Ondruš, and Gogh.

STAR STRIKER NEHODA IS FIT FOR TOUR



Antonín Panenka



Jan Fiala



Jaroslav Pollák



Marian Masny



Koloman Gogh

The Czechoslovakian squad for the tour of Australia will include all players who appeared in the country's recent 4-0 win over Luxembourg in the European championship.

Good news is that star striker Zdenek Nehoda, who

missed the Luxembourg game through injury, is fit again and will tour this country.

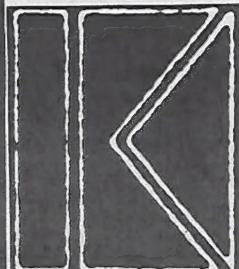
The coach of Czechoslovakia is Dr. Josef Venglos, and his assistant is Jan Brumovsky.

The Czech line up against Luxembourg was as follows:

Hruška - Gogh - Kozák - dusek.

The other five players are Fiala, Neto,

HEAD OFFICE 37 Moore Rd, Airport West 338 6633.
SALES SHOWROOM & FRAMING 550 Mt Alexander Rd, Ascot Vale 370 5044.



J. Kosna

celebrating their 30th Anniversary and on behalf of the national team of CZECHOSLOVAKIA Australia.

the champions of Europe

Gruelling build-up for Australians

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has put his players through an exhaustive training programme this week in preparation for the tough international series against Czechoslovakia

Twenty-four players assembled in Sydney last Monday for a four-day training camp at Cronulla. Tomorrow (Thursday), the squad will be reduced to 17 players.

The 17-man squad will travel to Canberra on Friday afternoon to build up for the first game against the Czechs at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Gutendorf will use the four-day camp to improve the general fitness of the players, as well as to improve the teamwork of the players.

During the day, the players will be subjected to stamina training, including weightlifting, and will play practice matches in the evening.

On Monday night, Gutendorf fielded a team against PSL club St. George. Two teams were

formed on Tuesday night for games with Sydney Olympic and Sydney City, with a game against Marconi scheduled for tonight (Wednesday).

The 24 players in the provisional squad are:

GOALKEEPERS: Marty Crook (West Adelaide), Greg Woodhouse (APIA).

DEFENDERS: Jim Tansey (Heidelberg), Steve Perry, Vic Bozanic (West Adelaide), Tony Henderson, Ivo Prskalo (Marconi), Kevin Mullen (Sydney City), Bobby Russell (Adelaide City).

MIDFIELDERS: Arno Bertogna (Newcastle), Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell (Heidelberg), Peter Boyle (West Adelaide), Joe Picioane (Footscray), George Christopoulos (South Melbourne), John Coyne

KB in 'double' act

Philips League team Newcastle KB Utd will double as the Northern NSW representative team for the game against Czechoslovakia in Newcastle on Wednesday January 30

Coach Alan Vest started training his squad for the game two weeks ago, and the line up is yet to be decided. Vest has a squad of 15 players to choose from.

Paul Reaney, Mark Trenter, David Deakin and David Kamasz are the new faces in the Newcastle squad. Reaney played with Leeds Utd in England for many years. Trenter was with Sydney City, Deakin came from Ringwood City (Melbourne) via Townsville Utd, and Kamasz is from local club Edgeworth.

The full squad is:

GOALKEEPERS — Phil Dando, Jim Preston

DEFENDERS — Paul Reaney, Bill Summerscales, Roy Drinkwater, Col Curran.

MIDFIELDERS — Joe Senkalski, Bret Cowburn, Peter Tredinnick, John Sneddon, Arno Bertogna.

Talking tactics — Rudi Gutendorf (left), Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovics

Games in five cities

Czechoslovakia's Australian Itinerary:

January 27: v AUSTRALIA, Bruce Stadium, Canberra

January 30: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED, International Sports Centre, Newcastle

February 3: v AUSTRALIA, Sydney Sports Ground

February 6: v SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

February 9: v AUSTRALIA, Olympic Park, Melbourne

Wilson capped 62 times

Peter Wilson of APIA remains Australia's most-capped player. He played in 62 internationals.

Our most capped players are:

62 Peter Wilson

58 Manfred Schaefer

49 Manfred Schaefer

Ray Baartz
46 Jimmy Rooney
43 Johnny Warren
39 Adrian Alston
34 Doug Utjesenovic
32 Ray Richards
31 Billy Vojtek
1 Jimmy MacKay,
30 Peter Ollerton



The Socceroos on arrival in Canton during their tour of China (standing from left): Gutendorf, Cole, Tansey, Jankovics, Krcevlic, Boden, Anderson (reporter), Dr Kennengar, Woodhouse, Coyne, Gojkovic (physio), O'Connor, Bertogna, Crook, Russell, Rooney. Front: Prskalo, Henderson, Cumming, Perry, Sharne, Mullen, Tuting, Logue (reporter)

For the best range of soccer books around.

collins booksellers

Shop 213 Highpoint West Shopping Centre
Roxmond Rd. Maribyrnong 317 9497

NOTE: These books not necessarily available at other branches of Collins Booksellers

THERE'S ONLY ONE UNITED

'One of the best football books ever written.'

Evening News

'An entertaining and at times very moving book for the fans.'

The Economist

'Geoffrey Green whose prose has never been afraid of

The Official Centenary Anthology
MANCHESTER UNITED

Originally founded in 1878 as Newton Heath by employees of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, Manchester United won their first major trophy in 1908 and were the first English club under the legendary management of Matt Busby, to enter the recently formed European Cup.

This 112-page book has now survived the tragic Munich air crash to dominate the soccer scene once more and capture the imagination of millions all over the world.

'No-one could be better qualified to chronicle the Club's unique history than Geoffrey Green.'

Daily Telegraph

'Geoffrey Green is the right man to tell the club's history and we should be very grateful to him.'

Hugh McIlvanney, *The Observer*

\$4.95

30

left: Adamec, Hrvic-Migas, Viktor

R TOUR

Rostislav Vojacek

omas, Ondrus, Jurkemik (Vojacek),

hachar, Panenka - Masny, Vizek, Gaj-

ers, in the 17-man squad are Neho-

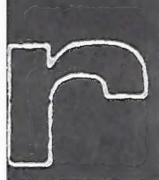
z, Polak and Dobias.



Expert Picture Framing Service

Pictures, Paintings, Posters

Artist Material





Steve Kokoska slides in too late to stop a powerful shot by Srebrenko Repic. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Red Star lines up before its loss to Victoria at Olympic Park. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

AND NOW FOR NSW

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The 2-1 victory over Red Star at Olympic Park stands as the most significant yet achieved by the Victorian State team

Under coach Lee McKendry, the Victorians now have beaten three out of six touring teams — Partizan Belgrade 1-0, AEK Athens 4-0 and Red Star.

Victoria achieved its victory by playing intelligent, possession soccer, rather than wasting a ball and denying Red Star possession for long periods.

McKendry's men now are looking forward to meeting NSW on March 2. It will be the first match between the States since the 2-2 draw at Middle Park in 1970.

Details of the Victoria v Red Star match:

VICTORIA 2 (Paton 53rd, Christopoulos 68th) RED STAR 1 (Filipovic 89th) at Olympic Park, crowd 9,026

Ratings:

VICTORIA: Banovic 8 — Yzendoorn 8.5, Kokoska 8.5, Gardiner 9, Davidson 8 — Christopoulos 8, Campbell 8 (Plecoans 80th), Rooney 8.5 — Cumming 8.5, (Tront 89th) Cole 8, Paton 8 (Mitter 67th)

RED STAR: Stojanovic 6, Miletić 7 — Krmptović 8, Juricic 7, Nikolic 7.5, (Stevanovic 70th) Jovin 6 (Jurovski 6, 55th) — Blagojevic 7, Milosavljevic 8 — Petrovic 6, Savic 6 (Filipovic 7, 55th), Repic 6.5

Referee: Stewart Mellinga 7.



Who's fouling who? A tangle of arms in this confrontation between Srebrenko Repic and Victoria's John Yzendoorn



Steve Kokoska (on ground), brings down Red Star striker Dusen Savic (No 9), with Alan Davidson (front) and Jimmy Rooney (right) standing by



Steve Kokoska gets a kiss from a lovely lady in Yugoslav national dress before kick-off at Olympic Park

NSW shipped

Famous Yugoslav club Red Star Belgrade thrashed New South Wales 5-0 at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday

The Yugoslavs strode confidently to victory with goals from Filipovic (2), Repic and Petrovic. NSW defender Kevin Mullen had the misfortune of scoring an own goal.

Due to publication deadlines, 'Soccer Action' is unable to print a full report on the game in this week's issue. However, in-depth coverage will appear in next week's issue.

**\$205,000
BACKING**

Philips Industries will sponsor the Philips League for at least another two seasons. Its contribution this year will be \$205,000.



Zoran Filipovic — scored Red Star's goal four minutes from the end



It was a memorable night for George Christopoulos (left) who scored a goal in his debut for Victoria. His team mates, from left, are: Alan Davidson, Gary Cole and Jimmy Rooney



Red Star goalkeeper Jukovac falls to the ground

SA to follow Victoria's lead?

By FRANK PANGALLO

South Australia's coach Edmund Kreft wants the State squad to be kept in regular training all year round

His belated plea came soon after Red Star's embarrassing 6-0 romp over an ill-equipped SA side at Hindmarsh Stadium.

SA offered token resistance as the Yugoslavs asserted command and met out a punishing lesson in total attacking football.

Kreft rallied to the defence of his players, claiming he didn't have enough time to prepare his squad for the crack Yugoslav side.

"I wasn't disappointed at all. They gave their best under the circumstances," Kreft argued.

"We were at least two yards behind in fitness which is understandable considering many of the players have only just begun full training and were caught out of season."

Kreft overlooked the fact that Red Star was also playing between seasons.

Kreft says he wants his squad to train together at least once a week during the year, twice a week for fortnight before a match, and be involved in fortnightly trial matches.

"We just can't go on in the present situation."

"It's not fair to the players or the people who come to watch," he said.

"I'm sure if we followed the

RED STAR 6 (Petrovic 6, 21; Blagojevic 8, 7; Milosavljevic 19; Borovnica 61) d. SOUTH AUSTRALIA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

RED STAR: Jukovac 7; Krmptović 8; Jovin 8; Nikolic 9; Miletić 7 (Djurkovic 65); Juricic 8; Petrovic 9; Blagojevic 8 (Borovnica 8 half time); Savic 8 (Milovanovic half time 8); Milosavljevic 9; Repic 8.

SA: Crook 4, B. Nykohous 8; Stanczik 5; Maricic 5; Bozanic 5; Kolecki 5 (Welsh 62); Dooley 5; Brown 6; J. Nykohous 7; Kosminski 7; Key 5 (Leane 59).

freedom from the rear, compounding SA's problems.

Petrovic picked up his second goal of a rebound from Crook to leave the tourists the break 4-1 up at the half time break and on the way to eclipsing their 6-1 scoreline of three years ago.

The clinical dissection of SA football continued soon after the resumption when the irrepressible Petrovic figured in yet another goal after he drew out three defenders deep in the box before squaring the ball for substitute, Borovnica, to polish off a great tactical goal.

Crook was found wanting in the 75th minute when Milosavljevic combined with Borovnica to score Red Star's sixth, and his second.

From a national point of view Crook's indifferent performance may have dented his hopes of ousting Gred Woodhouse from the number one spot. He certainly would need to produce a reversal of form to hang on to his place in the team.

Crook was found wanting in the 75th minute when Milosavljevic combined with Borovnica to score Red Star's sixth, and his second.

Kreft plans to stick with the same basic squad, adding one or two other PSL players, for the international against Czechoslovakia on February 6.

SA is to avoid another humiliating hiding a firm reappraisal of the situation at State level must be made to curb the apparent deterioration.

SA's standing will continue to suffer irreparable harm —

The long march

Although most games were against weak opposition, Australia's China tour was useful in enabling Rudi Gutendorf to put together a new national team.

Most of these players will be there when Australia lines up against its first World Cup opponent in 1981.

The tour served to fill at least nine of the 11 positions in the national team.

These nine players seem sure to hold their places: Greg Woodhouse, Steve Perry, Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson, Jim Tansey, Jimmy Rooney, Ken Boden, Eddie Krncevic, and Tommy Cumming.

This leaves two positions to be filled from among the remaining 11 squad members and one or two others — Joe Pliciano of Footscray, Vic Bozanic of West Adelaide or Jim Campbell of Heidelberg, for example — who were not on the tour.

Gutendorf could not have been fairer in giving everyone a chance to show what he can do, although he did tend to go overboard with the number of substitutions he made.

Some players did not travel well. Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovic, John Coyne and Bobby Russell for example, did not reach the standards they set for themselves back home.

Stopper Arno Bertogna, the Western Australian playing for Newcastle Knights United, consolidated his place in the squad, and perhaps even in the first 11, after almost being dropped just before the tour.

Gutendorf demanded his expulsion after Bertogna failed to fly from Newcastle to Sydney for a training session but now Gutendorf has him as "Australia's new Manfred Schaefer."

Ironically, former national coach Raleasic attached that title to Bob Russell just before the tour started.

Unfortunately for Bertogna, Tony Henderson remains the more versatile and therefore the more valuable player.

Only if Henderson remains in midfield will Bertogna retain his position as stopper.

If Henderson returns to centre back, Pliciano or Campbell or perhaps Gary Byrne, may slot into the team as the third midfielder alongside Boden and Rooney.

Certainly Gutendorf will have to strengthen the team's midfield to do well against stronger teams.

It's fine using four forwards and attacking with gay abandon against weak teams but this style would be suicidal against stronger opposition like Czechoslovakia.

Finally, my compliments to Gutendorf, tour leader Vic Tuting, physiotherapist Ljubo Gajkovic and Dr. Siri Kannangara who worked hard at their demanding tasks.

The best players of the tour, in my opinion, were: 1. Tansey, 2. Krncevic, 3. Perry.

Goalscorers: 9. Krncevic; 3. Cole, Boden; 2. Cumming, Henderson; 1. O'Connor, Sharne.

★★★

The Socceroos tumbled off the human anthill that is Hong Kong on November 7 and were confronted by the first of a series of cultural contrasts that would characterise their historic tour.

Hong Kong screamed. Peking was calm, functional, per the orientation of the west.

This is the heart of China, unsullied so far by the forces which turned Hong Kong into a squalid disciple of the dollar, and I wonder how China will filter out all that garish neon glare as it opens its doors wider to the world.

After much uncertainty, during which proposed matches in South Korea, the Philippines and Indonesia were cancelled, the Socceroos enter China by train after going through two check-points and walking across a bridge at the border.

On arrival in Canton, coach Rudi Gutendorf, as unpredictable and flamboyant as ever, startles players and onlookers alike by leading his men in a run around the big railway car park. A session of gymnastics follows as the Chinese stand by.

After a one-hour flight to Peking, we learn that none of Australia's games will be against the Chinese national team. The vice-president of the Chinese Football Association, Chen Jialing, says China's national team dispersed after its tour of Europe, but we are to hear later that China is, in fact, competing elsewhere in Asia.

Although we expect to see differences between Chinese and Australian soccer, it quickly is apparent that in some aspects, the game is the same world-wide.

When asked to name the coach of the Shandong Province team which is to be Australia's first opponent in Peking, Mr Cheng says: "I don't know. Coaches change all the time."

★★★

The Nationalities Hotel is a parts but comfortable enough. We have a choice of Chinese and western dining rooms, but Gutendorf and Doctor Siri Kannangara decided that the western food may minimise digestive disorders. Not so. There is a run on Dr Kannangara's medical cabinet.

Greg Woodhouse, the young goalkeeper from APIA, is the first training casualty. During a session on a paved basketball court, Woodhouse falls heavily on the side of his face and is ruled out for the first game.

Despite severe abrasions to his face, Woodhouse comes down to lunch, only to shuffle away again, numbing "I'm crook. I'm going back upstairs to lie down."

★★★

Dr Kannangara and I, accompanied by our general interpreter Li Fung, spend an embarrassing night at a performance of a Chinese opera about a fish that turns into a woman.

The whole team was to have attended but they have been denied against it, so here we sit, surrounded by rows of empty seats booked for the missing Socceroos.

Over Chinese brandy — coffee in Dr. Kannangara's case — Gutendorf tells us on our return to the hotel that he wants the Socceroos to have, wait for it . . . anti-terrorist training.

He reckons he will try to bring to Australia a physical conditioner who prepared West German police specialists who combated the Bader Meinhof terrorists.

"Our boys need the type of iron-like strength of the upper body that the anti-terrorists were able to achieve," he says.

"Physical strength is our most powerful weapon in the World Cup, especially against the Asians."



• Tommy Cumming — one of the stars of the tour.



Eddie Krncevic and the Chinese flag.



In the garden of the Forbidden City in Peking, from left: John Coyne, Ljubo Gajkovic (front), Phil O'Connor (rear), reporter Laurie Schwab, Martyn Crook and reporter Tommy Anderson.

He also thinks out loud about the possibility of using medically-approved chemical preparations to optimise physical condition.

"In Scandinavia in particular they are pushing at the border of doping in the preparation of top athletes," he says. "I do not advocate anything illegal or harmful but this is an area we should learn more about."

Dr Kannangara's reaction is short and firm. Forget it!

★★★

At training in the imposing Peking Workers' Stadium, Gutendorf outlines his blueprint for play. He makes it clear that everything must be based on full backs Kevin Mullens and Jim Tansey attacking up the flanks.

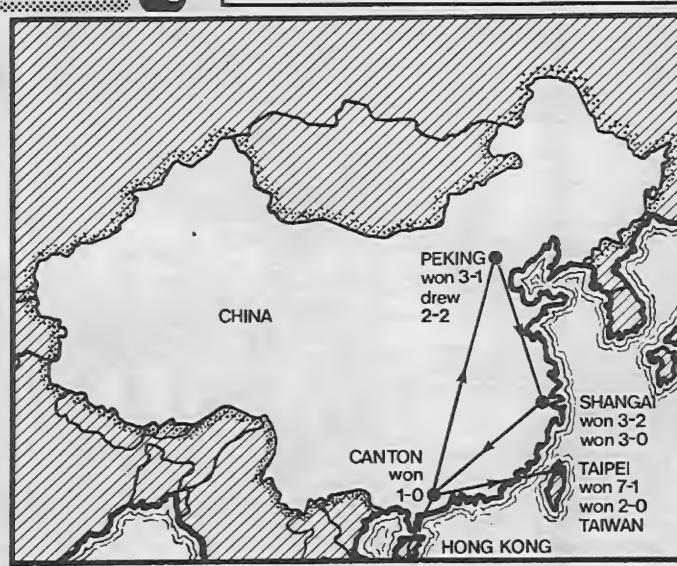
Wingers Tommy Cumming and John Nyskohus will move inside to make room for the full backs. This is the plan we hope will get Australia into the 1982 World Cup final.

He stresses also the good old formula of guts, determination and hard running.

Maybe you do not have the skill of the Yugoslavs or the Germans but you have big hearts, winning power and, if you are hard, you will not be 11 players against 11 but 20 against 11," he says.

At a banquet in honor of the Australians, we meet the captain of our first opponent, Shandong Province, which won the soccer tournament of the National Games.

On some . . .



tifully restored complex of ornate buildings and gardens which served as the home of China's emperors.

Indeed, Li Fung continues to be our educator in the ways of the Chinese. He has told me about the average wage — about \$40 a month, how the government encourages families to remain small by offering grants to families with no more than two children.

Outside the concubines' quarters in the Forbidden City the talk turns to infidelity and adultery. Not allowed, says Li. What is the punishment, we ask. "You are publicly criticised by the party. "So what?" "You lose face," Li answers earnestly.

Gutendorf, in one of the courtyards flanked by imposing buildings and walls, declares: "I would use these buildings as grandstands and the courtyard as a soccer pitch." And to a shy but curious attendant staring at Mark Jankovic in the souvenir shop he says: "You like him? You can buy him. Only 55 dollars."

Jankovic complained he had twisted an ankle while running up the terraces during a Chinese league match to which the Socceroos had been invited. "You idiot," Gutendorf screamed. "I will send you home. We pay thousands of dollars on your trip and you go running up and down the stairs like a maniac."

★★★

Gutendorf shows a flair for substitutions during the first match against Shandong Province at the Peking Workers' Stadium.

Gary Cole batters the Shandong defense into submission when he comes on as central striker at half time and Phil O'Connor dominates the left wing after replacing John Nyskohus.

After a shaky opening 10 minutes during which Gutendorf leaves Ken Boden too far forward and thus condemns the midfield to Shandong, the Socceroos start to get the hang of it.

Captain Jimmy Rooney is a human whirlwind but it is Steve Perry who deserves most praise. Perry has remained in midfield after doing a good job shadowing Franz Beckenbauer in the victory over New York Cosmos in Sydney, and he excels once more.

When he returns to right back, replacing Kevin Mullen, Perry cuts off Shandong's main avenue of attack, blotting out winger Chang Tsong-fan.

In the near-freezing cold Shandong takes the lead after 55 minutes when Australian goalkeeper Marty Crook reacts too late to prevent Kevin Chen from heading into the net.

But Australia equalises within seconds. Rooney's corner goes to Perry whose cross is headed hard by Tony Henderson. Shandong goalkeeper Li Chong-wai splits the ball and Ken Boden rams it home. Enthusiastic roars and explosions of firecrackers greet Australia's goal, just as they had greeted the goal by Shandong.

In the 67th minute Perry plays the ball forward to Cole who lashes a powerful low shot virtually through the hands of the goalkeeper to put Australia into the lead.

Phil O'Connor scores the final goal after excellent lead-up work by Peter Sharne and Cole three minutes from the end.

Sharne puts the ball into the net in an offside position just before the end, and there are many other scoring chances during play — three by Jankovic, three by Cole, two by Rooney, one by Boden.

★★★

Cole and Jankovic are the leading contenders for the central striker's position. Eddie Krncevic rates only as a substitute. Gutendorf feels Krncevic may lack experience. He's just come up from the youth team.

So Gutendorf tells Cole and Jankovic they will play one half each in the next match, against the strong Peking team.

"I am giving both of them a chance. The one who wants the position permanently will have to earn it," Gutendorf says on his way to training in the Workers' Stadium.

The weather has changed dramatically. Yesterday it was relatively mild. Today it is minus nine degrees Celsius. The wind cuts through you. It is so strong it blows corrugated iron sheets off the roof of the grandstand. Crashers echo like gunshots through the arena.

Two days earlier, at the same place, we had been bothered by mosquitoes. None today. Probably died from the cold.

Cole and Jankovic, as well as all the others, miss easy chances during this training session.

"If you do not score here you will never score," Gutendorf screams above the howl of the icy gale. He says he will have to concentrate on correcting this inaccuracy in training sessions on tour and he proves true to his word.

Our faces and hands are numb. When you smile it feels like your face is cracking.

★★★

Gutendorf makes two changes to the team that has beaten Shandong. Bobby Russell comes in for his first full match, replacing Kevin Mullen at right back. A former Glasgow Celtic junior, Russell joined Adelaide City via Sydney Croatia.

Phil Connor, who moved from St. George to APIA for \$9000 just before the tour, replaces John Nyskohus up front.

★★★

At another banquet — this one arranged by Australian tour leader Vic Tuting with the help of the Australian Embassy — the interpreter strikes a snag when Gut-

The long march

Gutendorf tells Chinese soccer officials their players must learn how to tackle.

Apparently there is no Chinese equivalent of the word 'tackle'.

The one the interpreter chooses after some hesitation also means rape.

No wonder the bi-linguals are chuckling into their napkins.

Tuting announces at the banquet he has invited China to send its national under 15 team on an Australian tour. He now invites Chinese Federation president Li Fonglo to accompany the team.

Inspired perhaps by the visit to Peking of Greek prime minister Constantine Karamanlis, Gutendorf assumes the role of statesman and diplomat at the banquet, attended by a vice-minister in charge of external sports and findings.

"My mother and father told me when I was a child that the Chinese were so poor that they couldn't afford to feed their kids," Gutendorf tells the gathering.

"I come from another part of the world and another political system... (at this point Australian embassy officials are starting to wince)... but I think your own system has made the Chinese people happier than they were before. (Noticeable sighs of relief all round.)

"Now everyone can feed their families and babies."

With colleague Peter Logue of Australian Associated Press, I leave the Australian party to visit the Peking Institute of Physical Culture on the outskirts of town.

Australia has nothing to compare with this impressive complex which features:

- 10 soccer pitches;
- a shooting range;
- three grounds for field events;
- an indoor running track and gymnasium;
- 24 basketball courts;
- two baseball diamonds;
- eight volleyball courts;
- an Olympic-size indoor heated swimming pool and an outdoor pool that doubles as an ice skating rink in winter;
- a river that will be widened and deepened for rowing;

Founded in 1953 to cater for the Chinese sports boom, the Institute has 1500 live-in students of both sexes and 1000 staff members, half of them specialist coaches.

There are courses to train would-be sports teachers and programmes designed to improve the performances of outstanding competitors.

During a four-year-course, a student does sports theory, physiology, politics, a language and has to reach a set standard of proficiency in each of nine sports.

China has at least 10 schools similar to the Peking Institute.

The most important function is not necessarily to mould champion athletes of today but to foster good health and to produce teachers and coaches with the expertise to give China a steady stream of athletes who may become international champions of the future.

Are you listening, Mr Fraser?

At the Institute, we hear that China is interested in preparing heating for the 1988 Olympics.

David Sharpe, vice-chairman of China, is on record as saying it would be "not inconsiderable" for China to stage the Olympics.

A vice-minister of sport, Li Meng Hua, head of the China Sports Federation, has said China will host the 1988 Olympics "If enough of our friends support us."

After a bruising 2-2 draw with the talented Peking team, it is clear that Chinese players are no puny weaklings to be brushed aside with ease.

Gold-broken fibreglass shinguards is evidence that the Chinese are keeping well abreast of western trends. Their bone-crunching tackles are every bit as strong as those of the Soccerros.

Gutendorf complains with justification about referee Tsao Jing-jen who is too slow with his whistle, awards scores of unnecessary free kicks, fails to award a penalty when Mark Jankovics is floored by a yellow card and shows John Coyne the yellow card... twice.

Australia is hampered further by the cold of minus five degrees celsius but no amount of excuses can explain away this inept performance.

There is no cohesion between midfield and attack and marking is slack during Peking's best raids.

Only flashes of individual brilliance save Australia from defeat but even in individual play, Australia does not show the same skill as the Chinese.

And as for general team work, Peking leaves Australia in the dust.

Australia can thank its lucky stars that it has Jimmy Rooney back after a two-year absence.

He is the midfield maestro against Peking, as he was in the 3-1 victory over Shandong.

With Steve Perry marking Peking playmaker Li Hual and Ken Boden spending much of his time in attack, Rooney is left as the only man moving up and down the pitch constantly. When the Australian defence is twisted into knots, Rooney appears to alleviate the danger. If most of the Australian moves break down, it is left Rooney who should be blamed. At least he starts most of them.

Gutendorf also shows flashes of brilliance. He dives bravely at the feet of Li Hual who breaks away in the fifth minute and makes a spectacular one-handed save from Hoy Yung Shu at the half-hour mark.

But Crook is lucky not to be sent off the field over a display of temper. In protest against an incorrect corner kick decision, Crook boots the ball towards the



All rugged up at the Ming Tombs — Jim Tansey (left), Arno Bertogna, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole.



Mao's tomb in Peking. In the foreground is team doctor Siri Kannangara.

referee. It does not hit him but such behaviour earns the red card back home.

Out from Rooney and Crook, the only Soccerros consistently above average are Ivo Prskalo, Phil O'Connor, Jim Tansey and Ken Boden in flashes. Steve Perry sticks resolutely to his task of marking Li Hual.

Yet even these players can do much better, as they are shown to later games.

As was the case against Shandong Province, Australia falls behind early against Peking when Tony Henderson turns a square ball from Shung Shan-fu into his own net in the 21st minute.

Ken Boden equalises from a penalty awarded when O'Connor is fouled by Liu De-li five minutes before half-time.

Kevin Mullen replaces Bobby Russell and Gary Cole comes for Mark Jankovics in half-time.

Cole's strength and vision the Peking defence and his brother's speed suggests after the game that someone was out to stop him at all costs.

Tommy Cumming puts Australia into the lead after O'Connor has headed on a Tansey free kick but half-time substitute Li Fu Bao levels the score four minutes from the end with a powerful drive that deflects off Mullen's back and wrong-foots goalkeeper Crook.

John Coyne, making his Australian debut, is shown the yellow card for coming on as a substitute before the referee has given formal permission, and again in the last few minutes over an incident behind play.

Two of the highlights of our stay in Peking are visits to the Great Wall (three hours' drive by bus) and Mao's tomb in Tien An Men square, just down the road from the National Stadium.

It is minus 10 degrees on the Great Wall, at the top of a steep hill, and we marvel at its magnitude, we try to imagine the time and the lives that went into building it, as we look towards Mongolia in a gale so strong and cold that we find it hard to breathe. It was as a defence against the Mongolians that the wall was built.

Tien An Men square is a hushed sea of grey and blue, the only-colors worn by the Chinese here in winter. Thousands are there, talking in hushed tones which fade



Cruising on Shanghai Harbour, rear, from left: Interpreter Cheung, Interpreter Xian, Peter Sharpe, physiotherapist Ljubo Gojkovic, Steve Perry saluting, Kevin Mullen, Bobby Russell, Phil O'Connor, Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey, John Nyskohus, Martyn Crook, Mark Jankovics, Tony Hendersen with head bowed, interpreter Li. Middle: John Coyne (left), Greg Woodhouse, Ivo Prskalo, Arno Bertogna, Ken Boden partly obscured, Eddie Kracevic looking at the ground, Dr Siri Kannangara, Tommy Cumming, Gary Cole, Chinese official. Foreground: Rudy Gutendorf and Vic Tuting.

There's another bad offside call, triggering a fiery outburst from Gutendorf. "You idiot. It's impossible what he makes here. Incredible!"

But there are also things that please him. "Arno is playing well. He's winning everything in the air."

"I'm very impressed with Steve Perry also," he adds.

But after another offside call Gutendorf is back on his feet, urging the players to protest en masse. They do so, rushing at the referee, but he has the poise to wave them away.

In Chinese soccer there is a head referee, seated on the touchline, who has ultimate power and who arbitrates on complaints by either side.

Approached by the irate Australian coach, the head official conceded only that Tsang has made "a few" mistakes.

"This team is stronger than I had thought," Gutendorf says in the dressing room at half-time.

"The referee is against us and so are the linesmen. They flag offside for everything, so when you have the ball, go through alone. It's the only way."

Gutendorf still is fuming over Tsang's disallowance of a goal from a free kick, gave the goalkeeper a yellow card, but Tsang ruled Cumming was marginally offside.

Australia resumes with Eddie Kracevic at centre forward in place of Cole, and Phil O'Connor for Jankovics.

Within a minute Shanghai loses its goalkeeper, Liu Won-bing, injured in a collision with Kracevic and carried off on a stretcher.

Boden follows half-time advice, running alone past three opponents into the penalty area where he's floored by an illegal tackle from behind. A blatant penalty but Tsang says it's not.

The last straw! Gutendorf storms to the head official, picks up a ball and in a grandiose act of defiance, boots it hard onto the playing pitch.

He strides back to the Australian bench, picks up a crate of soft drinks supplied by Shanghai officials, walks onto the running track and throws it hard onto the ground.

But O'Connor and Henderson combine to make Gutendorf smile again.

O'Connor holds the ball well and crosses it to Henderson, whose low drive beats the groping substitute goalkeeper, Gao Wai-ping, to put Australia into the lead after 55 minutes.

The Soccerros start playing their own version of aerial ping-pong. "That's the only way with these small Chinese goalkeepers. Beat them in the air," Gutendorf says.

A long cross from Tansey, best on the field, has the desired effect. Kracevic heads it down to Peter Sharpe who scores to give Australia a 3-1 lead in the 66th minute.

John Nyskohus and John Coyne come on for Cumming and Henderson and for a while it's little more than a transfer game.

Then more fire. Goalkeeper Woodhouse is fouled, loses his temper and throws the ball hard at an opponent. Referee Tsang flashes the yellow card and Gutendorf immediately has Martyn Crook warming up to replace Woodhouse.

"Is he mad? In Europe you are sent off for such stupidity. I will fine him 50 dollars for that," Gutendorf says.

• CONT. ON PAGE 13



Arno Bertogna (left), Tony Henderson, Ken Boden, Tommy Cumming, Gary Cole and Jim Tansey warm up before Australia's match against Shanghai.

Gutendorf kicks a ball onto the pitch in disgust, heaves a crate of soft drinks onto the running track and fines goalkeeper Woodhouse \$50 as the Soccerros defeat Shanghai, the referee and two linesmen 3-2.

Gutendorf and the players are disgusted by what he calls blatantly partisan refereeing.

Indeed referee Tsang of Ching-ting is even worse than the inept referee who handled the 2-2 draw with Peking.

Gutendorf dispenses with his usual "Circle of concentration" during which the players hold hands and chant motivating slogans. "We don't need it," he says in the dressing room. "I don't think this will be a very strong team. I want you to relax and express yourselves out there."

But after four minutes Shanghai has taken the lead.

Bertogna misses a tackle on Shi Chi-Kang who slips the ball short for Chu Yu-hong to score the first goal.

A poor back pass by Tony Henderson almost results in another Shanghai goal but Australia equalises when Tommy Cumming cuts the ball back to Ken Boden who lobs it high into the top corner of goal in the 13th minute.

"It takes us too long to get warmed up. Now we start playing well after quarter of an hour. This is rubbish," Gutendorf mutters on the bench.

Then the refereeing trouble starts. Jim Tansey is cursing out loud while running back after referee Tsang wrongly has flagged outside. "You're right, Tansey,"

• Tianjin goalkeeper Li Gi-ming picked the ball out of the net and booted it into the crowd during wild scenes in Shanghai. His coach took him off the field when play resumed. Here he is heading for the dressing rooms in disgrace.

The long march

But Shanghai scores before Crook has time to come on. Bertogna makes a bad back pass, Cha Yu-hong intercepts it and slips it to danger man Li Chong-hua who makes the final score 3-2.

When Tsang rules of wide from a corner, Gutendorf brings the curtain down on a colorful afternoon: "Oh my God. Now I have seen everything. I can die now and I have not missed anything."

We are taken on a cruise of historic Shanghai Harbor, once the hub of Asia's drug traffic, but long since cleaned up by the government. We are permitted to take photos, but not of the few war ships in the harbor.

We meet the president of the Asian Handball Federation, an impressive Pakistani landlord who speaks to you like a king holding court.

He tells us that underneath Shanghai is a network of bomb shelters big enough to accommodate the entire population in the event of war.

For the next match, against Tianjin, which flies down from its base near Peking, Gutendorf drops Woodhouse and Bertogna over their indiscretions against Shanghai.

A few days earlier, Gutendorf fined Cole and Tansey \$10 because they were 10 minutes late for breakfast.



Eddie Krncevic scored five goals against the Taipei City Bank, so two men were assigned to mark him in the next match, against Taiwan. Here they are, putting on the pressure as Krncevic goes up for a header.



Gary Cole (foreground) and Eddie Krncevic, with their opponents during the match against the Canton Army team.



Ivo Prskalo — the general marshal's his troops in Canton.

Cole, incidentally, has established himself as chief joke-teller and head of the team choir. Reporter Peter Logue is running a close second, but Bobby Russell fancies himself as the best of the singers.

Vic Tuting has his own theme song. Whenever he makes a speech, the Socceroos introduce him by humming the Dick Tracy theme. Tuting is the solver of all cases.

Ken Boden is injured and will miss at least one match due to a foot injury. His place against Tianjin goes to John Coyne.

Krncevic is excellent when he comes on as a substitute, is brilliant in the centre forward position ahead of Cole and Jankovic.

Gutendorf considers giving Tommy Cumming a rest, but decides against it. "Tommy has been excellent in all games. He dominates his flank completely," he says of the tiny Victorian who has captured the public's imagination with his bullocking runs.

Sharne holds his place although Gutendorf is unhappy with the winger's performance against Shanghai.

"He's not efficient enough," Gutendorf says. "He gets into bad positions where it's not easy to pass him the ball. We need a midfielder who can bring Sharne into action with those long balls that enable him to use his great strength."

Maybe Joe Piscione is the man we need to provide that service." Even after making allowances for the short time this squad has been together, Gutendorf is far from satisfied.

"We are not able to control the game. We are nervous, we make wrong passes. I am concerned by the lack of skill of some players, especially Gary Cole."

Tianjin's players threaten to walk off the pitch during a turbulent match which Australia wins 3-0, with all three goals coming from Eddie Krncevic in front of 35,000 people at Hung Kai Stadium.

The Chinese are angry to referee Sha Tsang Fa after Krncevic scores his second goal. They argue it should have been disallowed because when Jimmy Rooney started the move with a corner kick, the ball was not within the corner circle.

Led by goalkeeper Li Gi-ming who is gesticulating wildly, the Tianjin players mob the referee and then race to the sideline to complain to the head official.

When they fail to get satisfaction, some players stay off the pitch. Centre forward Chen Jing-gang tries to restore order by dragging goalkeeper Li away from the referee. Li runs to his own goal, picks the ball out of the net and boots it defiantly into the crowd.

It takes five minutes to restore order and restart the game.

Prskalo, Mullen and Krncevic are the stars of Australia's victory. It is a better performance than the ones against Shanghai, Peking and Shandong Province, but Tianjin is no better than a moderate Australian State League side.

The return of midfield general Rooney is what makes the difference. He is the only man with the poise to steady down the play. His delicate chips and his ability to win the ball in tackles are valuable attributes.

In fact the entire four-man Victorian contingent — Rooney, Tansey, Cumming and Cole when comes on as a substitute — is impressive.

Gutendorf inflated that egg before the game by telling them in private that it definitely would be in the 1982 World Cup squad. They are the only players with such an assurance to this stage.

Krncevic scores the first goal of his hat-trick in the fifth minute when he heads home a left-wing cross from Tansey.

His disputed second goal comes in the 23rd minute and the third by courtesy of the Chinese substitute goalkeeper, Wan Jien-an in the 54th minute. Krncevic shoots from 30 metres, and the ball bounces off Wan's chest and face, into the net.

Sharne and Jankovic also have chances to score and Cole hits the post.

Tianjin's attacks are feeble but it takes all the talent of Martyr Crook to prevent Ji Yu-bo from scoring with a header from eight metres in the second half.

It has been cold in Shanghai. The sun that greeted us disappeared as the cold followed us down from Peking.

We hope for warm weather in Canton as we board the plane but although we do have a few pleasant days there, the cold from the north catches us here as well.

It is on arrival in Canton that we learn about who our opponents are to be in Taiwan.

The first, we are told, will be "Taipei Banks," purportedly the champion of Taiwan. This turns out later to be the Taiwan City Bank, which is not the Taiwanese champion as Taiwan doesn't even have a regular league.

Only one of the two games is to be against Taiwan's national team.

The Canton Hotel is gigantic. The landings on each floor are almost big enough for a soccer pitch. Mosquito nets hang over the beds but it is a noisy cat outside that keeps me awake most of the first night.

The two high-rise wings of the hotel overlook a central garden traversed by paths. In front of the newer wing is a large goldfish pond, hugging a swank restaurant where you are required to pay in western currency.

The American embassy occupies the penthouse of the new wing.

We learn that we are to lose a second player from the touring party, Joe Senakal of Newcastle went home from Peking to get treatment for a hamstring injury.

Phil O'Connor is to leave for Sydney from Hong Kong to be with his wife, who is expecting a baby.

Another puzzle is introduced to this magical mystery tour after a day in Canton.

The Socceroos, looking forward to the challenge of meeting Canton, the reigning Chinese champion, are told that the game will not be against Canton, but the Canton Army team.

Local officials maintain that Canton is away in another town training for an international game against Hong Kong ... in January.

The Canton Army apparently finished 11th in the Chinese championship.

One man who couldn't care less about the opposition is Australian captain Jimmy Rooney.

Rooney, who turned 33 on the tour, is looking forward to his 8th game for Australia at the Viet Shu Stadium, which looks more like the Coliseum than a football ground.

He will thus overtake Attila Abonyi who played 88 games, to move into second place behind Peter Wilson, Australia's longest-serving Socceroo, who played 115 matches.

Forty-five of Rooney's total to this stage were full internationals and he scored seven goals for the Socceroos.

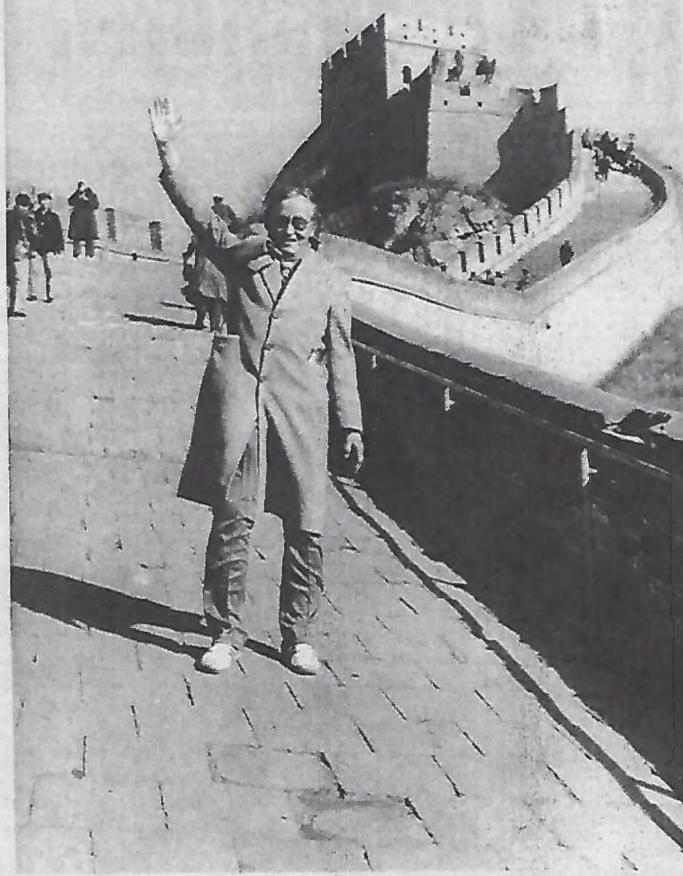
Barring injuries, Rooney should overtake Wilson's record of 88 games or during the World Cup qualifying series in 1981.

His voice thick with that nagging cold, Rooney says that the present Socceroos have the potential to be the finest national team Australia has had.

"There's a lot of speed in players like Sharne, Krncevic, O'Connor, Cumming and Jankovic and in sharp contrast with past teams, goals are coming easily," he says.

"Sure, we haven't been setting the world on fire in this tour but that's because Rudi is experimenting, looking for the best combination."

Lack of training facilities in Peking and Shanghai



Tudi Gutendorf on the Great Wall. He revealed during the tour that he is writing a book about his experiences around the world.

ALL MATCH DETAILS

Details of the Socceroos' tour of China and Taiwan, with player ratings out of 10.

Shandong Province 1 (An Chen 55th) Australia 3 (Boden 56th, Cole 67th, O'Connor 67th) in Peking, crowd 80,000

Shandong Province: Li Cheng-wai 4 (Wai Chi-hong 68th) — Li Won-chien 7, Zeng Hongchen 6 (Chou Shing-guang 68th), Yang Pai-huang 7, Wang Bau-cheng 8 — Chang Lou-di 7, Dai Ran-chen 6 (Liu Chin-han 6, half time) Ying Tsan-7 (Gai Yu-chien 85th) — An Chen 6, Chou Shing-yuang 7, Chang Tsang-ts 7 (Fang Hua-ling 8th).

Australia: Crook 7 — Mullen 9, Prskalo 9, Russell 7, Tansey 8 — Coyne 6, Henderson 6, Jankovic 6, half time, Rooney 8 (Cole 70th) — Cummings 8, Krncevic 9, O'Connor 7, Sharne 8, half time.

Canton Army 0 Australia 1 (Krncevic 61st) in Canton, crowd 30,000.

Canton Army: Chu Sha-jin 7 — Yi Tao-Jueng 7, Luong Huo 9, Cheng Yang-chao 10, Hei Wei 8, Chen Yi-min 9 — Cheng Shih-han 10 (Hua-shen 68th), Tsan Jing-shing 6, Cheng Nyskohus 6 (Tsan 80th), Tsan Jing-shing 7 (Shen 81st).

Australia 2 (Boden 40th, Cummings 40th) in Peking, crowd 40,000.

Peking: Wang Jueng-sei 5 — Chang Dong-ping 7 (Ma Jin-ping 65th), Wen Yuan, She Bau-chu 8, Liu Li-fu 7 — Hong Yung-shu 8, Liu De-ii 7, Li Huai 7 — Li Wei-shao 8 (Yo Jing-liang 67th), Shung Shian-fu 6 (Li Fu-ba 7 half time), Yu Jing-liang 7 (Liu Chi-chien 79th).

Australia: Crook 8 — Russell 6 (Mullen 6, half time), Prskalo 7, Henderson 8, Tansey 8 — Perry 8, Boden 8 (Coyne 77th), Rooney 9 — Cummings 6, Jankovic 6 (Cole 8, half time), O'Connor 7 (Nyskohus 70th).

Shanghai 2 (Yu Yu-hong 4th, Li Chiang-Hua 82nd) in Shanghai: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Shanghai crowd 40,000.

Shanghai: Chen Bin-ting 6 (injured), Gao Wei-ping 5, Chen Bin-ting 7, Chou Ming Liang 7, Chang Wei-shing 7, Lu Li-shing 7 — Shi Chi-kang 6, Chu Be-ling 7 — Li Chong-hua 8, Lu Miao-sen 7 (Suong Huang-ming 6, 65th), Chu Yu-hong 8, Chang Chi-gang 5 (Lu An-kang 6, 38th).

Australia: Woodhouse 7 (Crook 83rd) — Perry 8, Prskalo 7, Bertogna 7, Tansey 8 (injured, sub. Coyne 8), Rooney 7 (Sharne 8, half time) — Jankovic 7, Krncevic 9, Cole 6, Cummings 7 (Russell 6, half time).

Taipei City Bank 1: (Sen-Ur Cheung 60th) Australia 7 (Krncevic 8th, 23rd, 33rd, 53rd, 55th, Henderson 25th, Cole 59th) in Taipei, crowd 15,000.

Taipei City Bank: Hen-kon Chen (Chen-hsing Lee 5, 30th) — Sheu-chi Wu 7, Ming Chun Shen 5, Yun Cheng Wu 5, Ting Tsai Tsai 5 (Pu Ping Hurn 80th) — Chen Chung 6, Den Sen Du 6, Gim Ying Wu 6 — Chen Jee Yu 5, Sen Ur Cheung 8, Den Chen Du.

Australia: Woodhouse 7 — Mullen 8, Prskalo 8, Bertogna 8, Tansey 8 (injured, sub. Coyne 8), Rooney 7 (Sharne 8, half time) — Jankovic 7, Krncevic 9, Cole 6, Cummings 7 (Russell 6, half time).

Taipei O Australia 2: (Cumming 43rd, Cole 74) in Taipei, crowd 2,000.

Taiwan: Chan Jung-Sun 7 — Yung Fu Sun 6, Chen Chin 8, Sue Tse Tsui 7, Sue Ming Hong 6 (Vu Chao Sing 78th) — Jung Kim Mio 7, Chen Chung Foo 7, Chen Chung Foo 6, Lo Tse Chung 6, (Fung Yung Long 80th), Chang Ko Che 6, To Tung Cheng 6.

Australia: Woodhouse 7 (Cook 78th) — Perry 8, Prskalo 7, Bertogna 7, Tansey 8 (Mullen 78th) — Henderson 7, Rooney 7 (Jankovic 75th) — Sharne 6, (Cole 7, half time), Boden 3, Krncevic 7 (Coyne 82nd), Cummings 8.

Canton 0 Australia 1 (Krncevic 61st) in Canton, crowd 30,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.

Canton 0 Australia: Boden 13th, Henderson 55th, Sharne 66th in Canton crowd 40,000.



RALE RASIC

Our kids
streets
ahead
of U.S.

The image projected by the New York Cosmos tends to suggest that if American soccer is not No. 1 in the world, then it soon will be.

But anyone who believes this is fooling himself.

During a recent visit to the U.S. I watched a schools championship, part of which was television.

The standard of play was abysmal, Australian junior soccer is at least 300 times better.

Some players didn't even know the rules!

And yet the North American Soccer League (NASL) has rules aimed at increasing the number of local players in each of its teams.

The idea is eventually to include only one or two foreigners.

It's fine in theory but from what I saw, the youngsters are not good enough, which suggests that the coaches aren't much good either.

Top NASL coaches like Rinus Michels are busy enough with their clubs and appear not to be concerned with junior soccer.

Cosmos may be a super team and a super organization at the moment but if it had six or seven locals in its team, it would lose its appeal.

During my visit to the Cosmos, I took the opportunity to discuss a possible link-up between Australian Soccer Camps and the Cosmos camps, staffed by super-stars including Pele and Georgio Chinaglia.

Don't be surprised if we manage to bring out a few superstars for the Australian Soccer Camps early next year.

We aim also to introduce an exchange system between us and the Americans which is great news for the boys who take part.

Meanwhile, extensions to the Dural (NSW) headquarters of ASC brings the total value of the complex to \$2.5 million.

The complex will be available not only for junior coaching but also as training headquarters for junior teams and for training camps by the Socceroos.

My best wishes go to the newest PSL coach, Rocco Ilio, my old friend who has taken over Footscray J.U.S.T.

I've known him for a decade and during this time he has been a brilliant player and a diligent student of the game.

He dedicated two years of full-time study in Yugoslavia to equip himself for his new career as a coach. I'm sure he will do well. J.U.S.T. could not have made a better choice.



Australia's Brett Woods tracks Iraq's Karim during the Lion City Cup final in Singapore

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR

Perhaps we could have come home with the Lion City Cup, but finishing runner-up to Iraq in this prestigious tournament in Singapore was no disgrace.

I will never know whether I was wrong in not making a change during the final or whether we could have beaten Iraq had we not played defensively.

As it was, we had to be content with second place. I congratulate Iraq, but they were assisted in their haulups — injuries, abysmal accommodation, unpleasant food and hostile spectators.

The tournament opened with a colorful ceremony before a crowd of 30,000.

Teams in their uniform and national dress marched around the wonderful National Stadium. It was a great experience for our young Australian team, which had the honor of playing the first match of the series.

We were a goal up in the first 15 minutes and went on to score four more in beating Malaysia A-5.

This bright start was to bring a back-lash, as the Arab countries, even through they examined our passports, claimed our boys could not be under 16.

The Press gave this headlines the following day and from then on, we were given a hostile reception every time we ran onto the field.

Two of our major problems were the refusal of the stadium, which was due to the proximity of the other teams. Sleeping was out of the question before midnight.

Saudi Arabia had engaged two coaches from Brazil, at a fee of \$7150 a month, for three months before the Lion City Cup series.

If I had made this report the day after I returned home, I would have stated that so many of the boys were too immature. Now I realize this is not important. What is important is that at club level there is no communication on the two main issues that concern a young player — attitude and field discipline.

This was the major problem I had to correct. I had a good, if not total response.

It was a great mistake not taking a physiotherapist with us.

In the final Brett Woods and David Watt came limping off at half time Clark Anderson was out with a broken bone in his hand, Angelo Petrakos was in hospital, and there were many injuries during the week.

Never again should this happen at international level.

The most consistent players of the tour were goalkeeper Tony Veneri, full back Brett Woods and Paul Carter, midfielder Clark Anderson, centre back David Watt and sweeper Angelo Petrakos.

Goalscorers were: 6. Brian Stark; 4. Woods, Jim Patikas; 2. Stan Dukic, Anderson, Darren Taylor, 1. Rob Erding.

My basic team was: Veneri (Marconi) — Woods (Auburn), Patikas (St. Kilda), Carter (Auburn), Dukic (Sydney City), Anderson (Brisbane Lions), Chris Spanos (Sydney City, ex-Perth), Stark (Marconi) — George Savidis (APIA), Darren Stark (Nth NSW).

Other players used were Dukic (Canberra), Chris Miner (Newcastle KB), Erding (Melbourne), Ramon Rossi (St. Aust.), and David Gilbert (Frankston, Vic).

Strangely, 20 of our goals were scored by midfielders and full back Brett Woods who notched four.

I had the responsibility of selecting this squad during the national championship in Sydney during August and September.

— By BILL CURRAN —

coach of the Australian under 16 team

SHAM'S SATURDAY SMILE



A cartoon in the "Straits Times" before the final of the Lion City Cup

But we had only three days together before leaving for Singapore, whereas Iraq had been to Denmark and Sweden where they won two under 16 competitions.

Saudi Arabia had engaged two coaches from Brazil, at a fee of \$7150 a month, for three months before the Lion City Cup series.

If I had made this report the day after I returned home, I would have stated that so many of the boys were too immature. Now I realize this is not important. What is important is that at club level there is no communication on the two main issues that concern a young player — attitude and field discipline.

This was the major problem I had to correct. I had a good, if not total response.

It was a great mistake not taking a physiotherapist with us.

In the final Brett Woods and David Watt came limping off at half time Clark Anderson was out with a broken bone in his hand, Angelo Petrakos was in hospital, and there were many injuries during the week.

Never again should this happen at international level.

The most consistent players of the tour were goalkeeper Tony Veneri, full back Brett Woods and Paul Carter, midfielder Clark Anderson, centre back David Watt and sweeper Angelo Petrakos.

Goalscorers were: 6. Brian Stark; 4. Woods, Jim Patikas; 2. Stan Dukic, Anderson, Darren Taylor, 1. Rob Erding.

My basic team was: Veneri (Marconi) — Woods (Auburn), Patikas (St. Kilda), Carter (Auburn), Dukic (Sydney City), Anderson (Brisbane Lions), Chris Spanos (Sydney City, ex-Perth), Stark (Marconi) — George Savidis (APIA), Darren Stark (Nth NSW).

Other players used were Dukic (Canberra), Chris Miner (Newcastle KB), Erding (Melbourne), Ramon Rossi (St. Aust.), and David Gilbert (Frankston, Vic).

Strangely, 20 of our goals were scored by midfielders and full back Brett Woods who notched four.

I had the responsibility of selecting this squad during the national championship in Sydney during August and September.

Australia received the most penalty points (sending off 10, yellow card 5, penalty offences 2 and technical 1).

UNFAIREST OF THEM ALL

Australia finished last in the fair play award of the Lion City Cup tournament after the six preliminary-round matches.

Australia received the most penalty points (sending off 10, yellow card 5, penalty offences 2 and technical 1).

The Iraqi midfielder was to be given no room, my centre half Dave Watt was to mark the centre forward and not leave him, and the two Iraqi wingers were to be marked closely by my full backs.

Then the worries began.

Brett Woods who had reported after the Thursday semi-final that he had injured his thigh muscle, was seeing the doctor during our warm-up on Friday morning.

He was given pain-killing tablets, to be taken before the pain persisted.

Angelo Petrakos reported ill on Friday after lunch. By 6 pm we had to rush him to hospital with a high temperature. He was kept in hospital with suspected typhoid until Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Clark Anderson was out with a broken bone in his hand and so we were left with only two substitutes on the bench.

I was prepared for the final going to penalty kicks. I knew

it would be close. We led at half time by one goal scored by Jim Patikas. Everything was working well in that half.

David Watt received a lot of pressure from the Iraqis during when he came off at half time. We could only pour cold water onto his ankle. We had no physiotherapist, as I said earlier.

Brett Woods' injury was beginning to hurt and I was debating whether or not to use one of the two subs, who were both forwards, or take a chance and leave the team as it was.

With 10 minutes to go we were under pressure. Watt was holding his own, but suddenly, out of the blue, we lost our lead when Karim Mehati scored, and a minute later we were down 2-1 after a goal by the centre forward, Mohamad Haddad.

Hussain scored again after beating four of our defenders, but the third goal didn't really matter. We were beaten.

Yugoslav keeper Mijo Nizetic had joined George Best at Scottish Premier League side Hibernian.

Stan Bowles, 30, the Queens Park Rangers and former England striker, joined Nottingham for a fee of 250,000 pounds.

France has applied to UEFA to host the 1984 European championship finals. France staged the finals in 1960.

Gyula Lorant of Schalke becomes the fifth Bundesliga coach to be sacked this season. Changes were also made at Munich 1860, Eintracht Bruns-
wick, Fortuna Dusseldorf and Hertha Berlin.

Italy and Spain have lifted their restrictions on foreign players.

Bobby Moore O.B.E. England's most feted footballer when it won the World Cup in 1966, has joined Isthmian Premier League side Oxford City as manager-coach. Moore, who had 16 seasons with West Ham when it won the F.A. Cup and European Cup-Winners Cup, also won 10 caps for England — more than any other Englishman. He finished his playing career with Fulham.

Oxford City is run and owned by FBBE Newspapers, which owns giveaway newspapers all over the country.

Billy Hamilton, Queens Park Rangers Northern Ireland international striker, transferred to struggling Burnley for a mere 50,000 pounds.

Sunderland paid out a club record of \$20,000 pounds for Claudio Marangoni, an Argentine World Cup player.

Speculation exists in Italy as to who will succeed national coach Enzo Bearzot when he retires. Two names being freely bandied around for the post are Giovanni Trapattoni of Juventus and Gigi Radice of Torino.

Helmut Schoen, that legendary German, now spends much of his time gardening at his Frankfurt home and going for long walks. His only contact with soccer is through

UEFA TIXES transfer limit

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Under a UEFA rule soon to be ratified, maximum transfer fees for players will be restricted to 500,000 pounds which will be a big blow to English clubs, whose players are being tempted more and more by big pay-offs offered especially by the West German clubs.

★★★

Liam Brady, Arsenal's Eire international midfielder and one of the most accomplished players in Europe, says he intends to leave for the continent when his present contract expires in the summer.

★★★

Another British player could be heading for Germany. Derek Hales, Charlton's controversial striker who had moves to West Ham and Derby for around 500,000 pounds before returning to London with his old club, has been watched several times by a German first division club.

★★★

Greek club Panathinaikos with Manchester United's coach Harry Gregg survivor of the 1958 Munich air disaster, as coach and is reported to be offering a contract worth 40,000 pounds a year.

★★★

Brighton failed in a bid to land Rainer Bonhof, the West German international now with Valencia in Spain. Brighton and Valencia agreed on the transfer fee but Bonhof priced himself out of the move by wanting more than 1000 pounds a week.

★★★

Two former Essendon Lions (Vic) players of around a decade ago, Tom Rosevear and Willie Hamilton, are now coaching Ayrshire Junior Club Hurlford.

★★★

Hamburg bid for Southampton striker Steve Williams once Kevin Keegan finds new pastures with Juventus which is reported to be offering the 28-year-old Keegan around 500,000 pounds a season which would make him the highest paid soccer player in the world.

★★★

Nikola Jovanovic could have gone to Munich instead of Manchester United. The 6ft 2½ red star defender has said United is the most popular foreign team in Yugoslavia. It is reported he received 90,000 pounds as his share of the 300,000 pounds transfer.

★★★

Will Austria's Wien star Herbert Prohaska be the next foreigner to grace English soccer? Both Brighton and Leeds are quoted to be interested but so also are Inter Milan and A.S. Roma.

★★★

Bruce Rioch, the former Scotland skipper, has been placed on Derby County's transfer list for the give-away price of 25,000 pounds.

★★★

Nick Deacy, the 26-year-old Welsh international striker, has been transferred from Belgian side Beerschot to Vitesse Arnhem of the Netherlands.

★★★

Foreign players trailed badly in Press ratings when the Spanish season reached its Christmas break. Austria's Hans Krankl, England's Laurie Cunningham and Dane Allan Simonsen didn't even make the top hundred.

★★★

West Germany is reported to have offered its players a massive 7000 pounds each to win in the European championships.

★★★

Teddy Markyan, the 23-year-old Brighton striker, returned to his former club Fulham for half the transfer fee the London club got for him, which was 23,000 pounds two years ago.

★★★

Scotland's under 21 side showed up its "big brothers" by qualifying for the European Championship Finals, topping its section with one match to play.

★★★

Companies to give us \$1 mil.

From Page one

Under the scheme, the ASF will get more than \$1 million from a total of about eight companies, whose names will be released in March.

Most of the money will be spent on the Socceroos and the national youth team.

The ASF will appoint a full-time marketing director to promote soccer, to produce money-earning souvenir items and to get ASF trademarks onto various products.

A full-time press officer also will be appointed to promote all aspects of soccer, particularly the world youth championships to be staged in Australia in 1981.

And the ASF may produce its own monthly magazine.